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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 0403

JULY 29 SECRETARY STATE GRIMES ASKED ME TO SEE HIM AT DEPARTMENT STATE. UPON ARRIVAL SAID PRESIDENT TUBMAN HAS ASKED HIM TO PASS ON TO ME INFORMATION ABOUT VISIT JULY 27-28 OF DELEGATION FROM NIGERIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THREE MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY DROKOI ARIKPO, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, APPARENTLY WAS SOME TYPE OF "TRUTH SQUAD." DURING MEETING WITH TUBMAN THE NIGERIANS, ACCORDING GRIMES, "IMPLIED" BUT DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, THAT UNITED STATES HAD ASSISTED BREAK-AWAY EASTERN REGION AND CITED AS EVIDENCE CASE OF THE B-26 PLANE (LAGOS 420). GRIMES SAID HE WAS AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE CASE INDICATING THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW USG HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. I CONFIRMED THIS POINTING OUT USG HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE MATTER, THAT WE HAD ALREADY

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DISCUSSED IT WITH THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT IN LAGOS, AND THAT USG POLICY WAS TO STAY OUT OF THE NIGERIAN SITUATION WHICH IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR. GRIMES SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND SIMPLY WANTED EMBASSY TO BE AWARE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE VISITING NIGERIAN DELEGATION.

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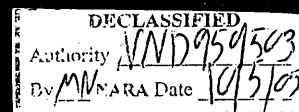
1. BRITISH HC SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON JULY 28 TO
DEPUTY HC ENUGU ADVISING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES GET OUT
OF WAY OF ADVANCE OF FEDERAL ARMED FORCES.
2. A. " SECRETARY OF CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP HAS HAD PERSONAL

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MESSAGE FROM MAJOR GARUBA PAIKO OF FEDERAL 4TH BN
APPEALING TO HIM TO GET CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES OUT OF
WAY OF FEDERAL ADVANCE. PAIKO REPORTED THAT ON THREE
OCCASIONS FMG TROOPS HAD BEEN FIRED UPON BY EASTERN
STATES SOLDIERS OCCUPYING CATHOLIC MISSIONS AND IT IS
BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO RESTRAIN TROOPS FROM
ATTACKING MISSIONS. CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES FROM SOUTH

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OF BENUE REPORTED WILD RUMOURS OF MISSIONARY SUPPORT FOR
EASTERNS ARE BUILDING UP STRONG LOCAL RESENTMENT
AGAINST THEM WHICH COULD BE DANGEROUS.

B. "HAVE DISCUSSED POSITION WITH IRISH AMBASSADOR
WHO FROM HIS INFORMATION AGRESS THERE IS SUBSTANCE IN
PAIKO'S FEARS AND THOSE OF MISSIONARIES SOUTH OF BENUE.
PLEASE THEREFORE CONVEY TO OITUATHAIL FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM AMBASSADOR. QUOTE. CONSULT BISHOPS AND
SUPERIORS CONCERNED AS FAR AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
TO ENQUIRE WHETHER IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THEY AGREE
ALL MISSIONARIES SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN STEP BY STEP WELL
AHEAD OF ADVANCING FRONT. UNQUOTE." MATHEWS

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1. THROUGHOUT THE PAST WEEK "BIAFRAN" CHIEF JUSTICE SIR LOUIS MBANEFO HAS BEEN (FOR HIM) SHARPLY CRITICAL OF BRITISH GOVT FOR ITS POSTURE ON NIGERIAN CRISIS. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MBANEFO HAS EXPRESSED THE FOLLOWING VIEWS:

A. ALTHOUGH NIGERIAN CRISIS MAY BE AN INTERNAL MATTER BRITISH POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL STAKES IN NIGERIA ARE TOO GREAT TO PERMIT BRITISH IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO STAND ASIDE AND WAIT FOR NIGERIANS TO SETTLE CRISIS.

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B. BRITISH IN CONCERT WITH AMERICANS COULD HAVE PREVENTED CRISIS FROM REACHING STAGE OF CIVIL WAR IF GOWON AS WELL AS OJUKWU HAD BEEN TOLD USE OF FORCE WOULD PRODUCE WITHDRAWAL OF AID PROGRAMS AND BRITISH AND AMERICAN PERSONNEL FROM ALL PARTS OF NIGERIA. MBANEFO SAID IF GOWON HAD BEEN TOLD THIS HE COULD NOT HAVE IGNORED IT AND WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPELLED FIND A SETTLEMENT BASED ON POLITICAL REALITY.

C. POLITICAL REALITY ACCORDING TO MBANEFO IS ACCEPTANCE OF FACT THAT IF IBOS ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM LIVING AND WORKING

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IN THE NORTH AND ARE TO BE RESTRAINED IN EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR FULL TALENTS AND ENERGIES ELSEWHERE IN NIGERIA IT IS UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THEM TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF UNITY AS ESPOUSED BY FEDERAL GOVT IN LAGOS AND SUPPORTED BY FOREIGN POWERS.

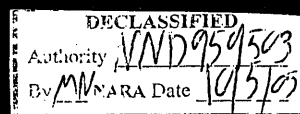
D. MBANEFO SAID HE BELIEVES THAT EVEN A MILITARY DEFEAT OF "BIAFRA" WOULD ONLY PLUNGE NIGERIA INTO NEW DEPTHS OF CHAOS UNLESS A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT WERE MADE WHICH GAVE BIAFRANS THE MEASURE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AUTONOMY WHICH THEY HAVE SOUGHT SINCE JULY 1966 AND PARTICULARLY SINCE OCTOBER 1966.

2. MBANEFO BELIEVES IT PROBABLE NEITHER THE FEDERAL GOVT NOR "BIAFRA" HAVE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO FORCE AN EARLY MILITARY DECISION AND THUS EXPECTS THE CIVIL WAR TO BE PROLONGED WITH INCREASING DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY AND MOUNTING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS. HE NOTES THAT AMONG THE HEaviest LOSSERS WOULD THEN BE BRITAIN AND AMERICA, THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVING THE GREATEST INTEREST IN THE STABILITY AND

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DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA. HE PROFFESES THEREFORE BE UNABLE UNDERSTAND WHY HMG AND USG UNWILLING EMPLOY THEIR CONSIDERABLE

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INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT A CEASE FIRE AND NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE SAYS IF A SIMILAR DISPUTE AROSE BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS OF FAR LESS SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE THAN ARE THE PARTS OF WHAT WAS ONCE NIGERIA, THE US AND UK WOULD BE QUICK TO INTERVENE. HOWEVER BOTH THE US AND UK, HE SAYS, BY CALLING THE NIGERIAN CRISIS AN INTERNAL MATTER FIND A CONVENIENT EXCUSE TO DO NOTHING EVEN WHILE THEIR SUBSTANTIAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN NIGERIA AND EVEN WEST AFRICA ARE INCREASINGLY ENDANGERED.

3. SIR LOUIS ALSO VERY CRITICAL OF BRITISH GOVT ON OIL PAYMENTS QUESTION. SAYS QUESTION OF OIL PAYMENTS AS MUCH AS POLITICAL ISSUE AS AN ECONOMIC ONE AND THAT IT PATENTLY UNFAIR FOR BRITISH GOVT TO PASS POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY ONTO SHELL AND STANLEY GRAY (WHO CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF SIR LOUIS). COMMENT: WHETHER THIS INDEED THE CASE, SILENCE OF BRITISH GOVT ON OIL PAYMENTS GIVES APPEARANCE IN MINDS OF MANY IN ENUGU THAT IT IS SO.

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1. NIGERIAN PRESS AND RADIO CAMPAIGN AGAINST US AND UK GOVERNMENTS HAS SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT. BUT RESENTMENT AGAINST LOPSIDED REPORTING AND DISCUSSION OF NIGERIAN PROBLEM IN NEWS MEDIA OF WESTERN COUNTRIES CONTINUES. PRIME EXAMPLE

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IS LAGOS RADIO NEWS TALK AT 1800 GMT JULY 29 (FBIS ITEM N292045) ENTITLED "FOREIGN PRESS AND THE NIGERIA SITUATION", WHICH DESERVES SOME ATTENTION BY DEPT (AF AND INR), USIA AND VOA. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. A "A SURVEY OF THE FOREIGN PRESS SHOWS THAT AMERICAN AND BRITISH NEWSPAPER, RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS AMONG OTHERS HAVE BEEN QUITE ARTICULATE AND (WRONG HEADED?) ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA. A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF

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REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND EDITORIAL VIEWS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT THE WESTERN PRESS HAVE FAILED TO TREAT THE NIGERIAN CRISIS WITH OBJECTIVITY OR IMPARTIALITY. IN FACT, FROM THE TONE OF THESE REPORTS AND COMMENTS, THE WESTERN PRESS AND RADIOS ARE NOT RPT NOT IN FAVOR OF THE PRESENT POLICE OPERATION TO KEEP NIGERIA ONE. YET THESE ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO THROW UP THEIR HANDS IN HORROR WITH UNPRECEDENTED UNANIMITY AT THE ALLEGED ENCOURAGEMENT OF SECESSION IN THE QUEBEC PROVINCE OF CANADA BY GENERAL DE GAULLE.

B. "IT IS NOW OBVIOUS TO THOSE WHO WERE INCLINED TO DOUBT IT THAT WHILE THE WESTERN MEDIA OF INFORMATION WILL GO ALL OUT TO DEFEND THE NATIONAL INTEGRITY OF THEIR COUNTRIES,

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THEY WILL FOR WELL-KNOWN REASONS COLLABORATE WITH SECESSIONISTS TO KEEP AFRICA WEAK AND DIVIDED. BEFORE THE ENUGU REBELS FIRED THE FIRST SHOT ON 6 JULY, THE WESTERN PRESS AND RADIOS WERE UNANIMOUSLY SOLD ON THE IDEA THAT ALL ODDS WOULD BE AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED CLASH. TO THEM OJUKWU'S TREASON AND SECESSION, WHICH WAS GLIBLY TERMED A STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION, WAS A CAUSE MORE NOBLE THAN THE SURVIVAL AND INTEGRITY OF A NATION.

C. "THE FACT THAT THE SEVEN MILLION IBOS WERE OPPRESSING FIVE MILLION NON-IBOS WAS SIGNIFICANTLY IGNORED. ARMCHAIR EXPERTS ON NIGERIA AND SO-CALLED MILITARY ANALYSTS IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA PRODUCED A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THEY BELIEVED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF CRUSHING THE ENUGU REBELLION.

D. "ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, THEIR BIAS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY PERSISTENT SUGGESTIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD NOT RPT NOT ENFORCE ITS BLOCKADE. WHEN THE NIGERIAN NAVY GAVE THE LIE TO THIS, THE WESTERN PRESS AND RADIOS SHIFTED THEIR GROUND TO WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE THE IMPENDING COLLAPSE OF THE NIGERIAN ECONOMY. THE FACTS THAT THE ENUGU REBELS

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CANNOT EXPORT THE CASH CROPS OF THE EASTERN STATES OR IMPORT
ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS AND THAT UP TILL NOW THEY HAVE
NEITHER EXTERNAL RESERVES NOR A CURRENCY OF THEIR OWN WERE
ALSO SURPRISINGLY OVERLOOKED, ALTHOUGH THE WESTERN PRESS
AND RADIOS WERE OUT TO WIN OJUKWU'S WAR FOR HIM ON THE PAGES
OF THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND ON THE AIR.

E. "THIS IS WHY THEY HAVE BEEN SO CONFUSED BY THE INITIAL
SUCCESSSES OF THE FEDERAL FORCES. BUT RATHER THAN CONFESS
THEIR PREJUDICE, THEY NOW RESORT TO INTRODUCING ELEMENTS
OF DOUBT INTO THEIR REPORTS OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY SUCCESSSES.
THIS ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE FACES OF THEIR SO-CALLED EXPERTS
WILL FAIL LIKE THEIR PREVIOUS EFFORTS. WHAT EVERY NIGERIAN
WANTS TO KNOW IS WHY THE WORLDS MAJOR MEDIA OF INFORMATION
SHOULD LINE UP SO BLINDLY BEHIND OJUKWU AND HIS GANG.

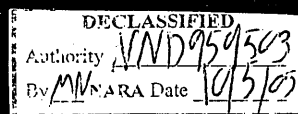
F. "APART FROM THE INNATE DESIRE TO KEEP THE BLACK MAN
DOWN, THE AMERICAN AND THE BRITISH PRESS ARE THE BYPRODUCTS
OF... GOVERNED BY PROPAGANDA AND IMAGE-MAKING. IT IS THEREFORE
NOT SURPRISING THAT THESE PAPERS HAVE FALLEN FOR OJUKWUS
EXTENSIVE BUT FALSE PROPAGANDA MACHINERY. THE PROVISION
OF FREE TRIPS TO ENUGU AND THE FREE ACCOMODATIONS AND OTHER

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FACILITIES HAVE ALSO PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN OJUKWUS BRAINWASHING
TACTICS.

G. "IT IS A VALID CONCLUSION THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE WESTERN
PRESS, ESPECIALLY THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN PRESS, HAVE
THOROUGHLY COMPROMISED THE DECLARED POLICIES OF NONINVOLVEMENT
BY THEIR COUNTRIES. THE ARGUMENT THAT THE MEDIA OF INFORMATION
IN BOTH COUNTRIES ARE FREE DOES NOT RPT NOT HOLD WATER. THEY
MOLD PUBLIC OPINION AND PUBLIC OPINION SUBSEQUENTLY AFFECTS
GOVERNMENT VIEWS AND POLICIES. BUT IT SHOULD BY NOW BE KNOWN
THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH NEWSPAPERS
AND RADIOS ARE BASED ON BIASED ASSESSMENTS AND DISTORTED FACTS.

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H." IN THE MIDST OF THE PREDICAMENT IN WHICH THE WESTERN MEDIA OF INFORMATION HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES AS RESULT OF MISPLACED SYMPATHY AND NARROWNESS OF VIEWS, ONE HOPES THAT THE ETHICS OF WELL-INFORMED JOURNALISM CAN EVENTUALLY BE RECOVERED. ONE ALSO HOPES THAT AS THE TRUTH ABOUT NIGERIA IS DAILY UNFOLDED, THE AMERICAN AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS WILL RESOLUTELY MAINTAIN THEIR DECLARED POLICIES OF NONINVOLVEMENT IN THE NIGERIAN CRISIS DESPITE DISTORTED REPORTS AND PREJUDICED OPINIONS PUBLISHED BY THEIR PRESS AND RADIOS".
MATHEWS.

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1. WE BELIEVE NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS IN PRESENT
COMBAT SECTORS AVE OCCURRED WITHIN PAST 24 HOURS. BRIEF CONTACTS
WITH OFFICIALS HAVE PRODUCED NO NEW INFORMATION AND IT MAY BE
SIGNIFICANT THAT LAGOS, KADUNA OR ENUGU RADIO BROADCASTS MONITORED
HERE HAVE SCARCELY MENTIONED FIGHTING AREAS.

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2. IN TWO TELECONS TODAY WITH PORT HARCOURT BOTH REPORTED THAT CITY VERY QUIET.

3. ENUGU REMAINS CALM AND EXCEPT FOR UNIFORMED SOLDIERS CONSTANTLY SEEN ON STREETS IT HARD TO BELIEVE WAR GOING ON. ONLY A FEW ROAD CHECKPOINTS REMAIN IN ENUGU, ALL MANNED BY UNIFORMED POLICE WHO EFFICIENT AND COURTEOUS IN EFFORTS KEEP TRAFFIC MOVING.

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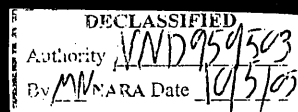
1. FED MIN. INFORMATION ISSUED PRESS RELEASE JULY 28 FALLING ON SHELL-BP PAY ALL REVENUES DUE TO FMG QTE. WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY UNQTE. TEXT OF RELEASE, WHICH RECEIVING WIDE PRESS AND RADIO PLAY, FOLLOWS:

2. QTE. CONCERNING ALLEGATION THAT SHELL-BP'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. STANLEY GREY, HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT HOTEL PRESIDENTIAL IN ENUGU BY ILLEGAL REGIME OF CHUKWUEMEKA ODUMEGWU

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OJUKWU, FMG WOULD LIKE MAKE ITS STAND CLEAR THAT ALLEGATION, IF TRUE, HAS NO RELEVANCE WHATSOEVER ON ITS DEMAND THAT REVENUES DUE FROM SHELL-BP TO GOVERNMENTS OF FEDERATION SHOULD BE PAID IN NORMAL MANNER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF NIGERIAN CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHELL-BP AND FMG.
3. QTE. A STATEMENT FROM FED. MIN. FINANCE TODAY SAID IN VIEW OF

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THE GOVERNMENT, IT EASY ENOUGH TO ARREST OR DETAIN PERSONNEL OF SHELL-BP WITHIN AREA UNDER DE FACTO CONTROL OF FEDERAL TROOPS BUT SUCH EXERCISE WOULD HAVE NO RELEVANCE TO LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF SHELL-BP TO FULFILL TERMS OF EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH FMG. ACCORDINGLY, FMG STILL INSISTS THAT ALL REVENUES DUE IT FROM SHELL-BP SHOULD BE PAID WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY. UNQTE.

4. SHELL-BP REP. LAGOS INFORMS US 140 TO 150 SHELL EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACT PERSONNEL LEAVING EAST THIS MORNING BY ROAD THROUGH ONITSHA, AND EXPECTED ARRIVE LAGOS LATE THIS AFTERNOON. 70 OTHERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED BY WATER FROM PORT HARCOURT.

5. COMMENT: SHELL-BP REPS. HERE NOT CONCEALING THEIR SENSE RELIEF THAT FMG CONTROL BONNY TERMINAL, AND ARE CLEARLY INDICATING THEIR HOPE FEDERAL TROOP MOVEMENT TO OKRIKA OR PORT HARCOURT WILL SOON SOLVE WHOLE ISSUE FOR THEM.
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PAGE 2 RUTANU 243VB C O N F I D E N T I A L
1. SHELL-BP MANAGING DIRECTOR STANLEY GRAY AND FINANCE
MANAGER R. L. HAMILTON BOTH COMFORTABLE IN HOTEL PRESIDENTIAL AND
SAID THEY NOW HAVING FIRST REAL VACATION IN YEARS. ALTHOUGH
MOVEMENTS BOTH MEN RESTRICTED THEY BEING TREATED WITH UTMOST
COURTESY. GRAY SAID HE PERFECTLY HAPPY REMAIN IN ENUGU FOR
TIME BEING ONE REASON IS HE CAN IF NECESSARY COMMUNICATE THROUGH
SECURE HICOM CHANNELS WHILE AT SAME TIME APPEARING UNABLE GET IN

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1. PRESSURES EXERTED ON FMG REGARDING BAD IMPLICATIONS OF

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NIGERIA RADIO NEWS TALK ON "MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS"
HAS PRODUCED DESIRED RESULTS. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION ISSUED PRESS RELEASE EVENING JULY 28,
CARRIED IN TODAY'S LAGOS PAPERS, WITH HEADING THAT FMG
"DENIES FOREIGN PRESS REPORTS THAT IT THREATENED TO KILL

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FOREIGNERS IN THE EASTERN STATES".

2. TEXT OF RELEASE FOLLOWS:

A. "FMG HAS CATEGORICALLY DENIED RECENT REPORT IN CERTAIN FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS THAT IT HAS THREATENED FOREIGNERS IN REBEL-HELD PARTS OF THE EASTERN STATES WITH DEATH.

B. "THE REPORT CONCERNED IS BASED ON A FEW PHRASES QUOTED OUT OF CONTEXT FROM A RECENT RADIO NIGERIA NEWS TALK PROGRAMME AND, CONSEQUENTLY, HAS GROSSLY DISTORTED IMPORT OF THE BROADCAST.

C. "THE NEWS TALK MERELY EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUED PRESENCE OF FOREIGNERS IN EASTERN STATES DESPITE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO TAKE STEPS TO REMOVE THEIR NATIONALS FROM THAT PART OF THE COUNTRY. IT FURTHER EXPRESSED HOPE

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THAT "NO-COUNTRY WILL USE THE PRESENCE OF ITS NATIONALS IN THE MIDST OF THEIR REBELS AS AN EXCUSE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED AS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR

OF NIGERIA".

D. "FMG WOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT ANY OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN RADIO NEWS TALKS ARE THE PERSONAL VIEWS OF THE COMMENTATORS AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEW OR POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT".
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STATE, HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT MIN INFO JULY 28 IN CAPACITY
AS NAVAL OFFICER TO BRIEF PRESS ON OPERATIONS IN BONNY
AREA. SPIFF SAID OPERATION WAS "HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT"
IN THAT IT FIRST JOINT ARMY-NAVY OPERATION OF NIGERIAN

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CONFLICT. NO AIR SUPPORT WAS USED BY FEDERAL FORCES, BUT REBELS USED HELICOPTERS IN FUTILE BOMBING ATTEMPTS.

2. FOLLOWING BOMBARDMENT ON JULY 25, TROOPS LANDED IN "LANDING CRAFT". WHEN REPORTERS ASKED IF FMG HAD LANDING CRAFT OTHER THAN LOKOJA, SPIFF SAID SEVERAL "ASSUALT CRAFT" WERE ALSO USED AND NIGERIAN " FLEET AUXILIARIES." HE WOULD NOT RELEASE NUMBER OF SHIPS INVOLVED IN OPERATION. WITHIN THIRTY HOUR, BONNY TOWN, ISLAND, --, \$ 981 8, J5-11-589, J 2343 5-13, --, \$ 9034-589, 19-01353\$ "INCLUDING BURYING DEAD." OIL INSTALLATIONS AND LOCAL HOSPITAL WERE NOT DAMAGED AND HAD NO COMMENT ON WHETHER PORT HARCOURT HAS BEEN SHELLED.

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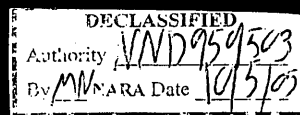
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2. FOLLOWING BOMBARDMENT ON JULY 25, TROOPS LANDED IN "LANDING
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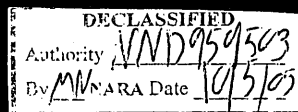
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I. HAD LONG INFORMAL CONVERSATION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON 827TH
WITH SAM ASABIA, PERMSEC WESTERN FINANCE MINISTRY, AT HIS

HOME. ASABIA, RECENTLY SHIFTED FROM PERMSEC, MINISTRY OF
ESTABLISHMENTS AND TRAINING, IBADAN, IS BRIGHT, ARTICULATE
AND REPORTEDLY CLOSE TO MILGOV ADEBAYO, A FELLOW EKITI-
YORUBA. HE HAS BEEN AWARDED U.S. LEADER GRANT AND HOPING
LEAVE FOR STATES IN MID-SEPTEMBER IF CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT.

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2. ALTHOUGH ASABIA LIKE MANY OFFICIALS HERE IS CRITICAL OF
U.S. POSITION ON NIGERIAN CRISIS, PARTICULARLY U.S. STATEMENT
RE FMG PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN ARMS, HE DID NOT TAKE THIS TACK

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WITH ME. ON CONTRARY, HIS MAIN THEME WAS THAT CONFLICT HAD GROWN TO POINT WHERE NIGERIANS ALONE CANNOT SETTLE IT AND THEREFORE U.S. AND BRITAIN SHOULD USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL PROBLEMS NIGERIAN WOULD FACE IN AFTERMATH OF CONFLICT WHICH WOULD BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT LONGER CONFLICT LASTS.

3. I SAID I FOUND IT IRONIC TO BE ASKED TO INTERVENE AT VERY TIME WHEN THERE WAS PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST U.S. FOR ALLEGED INTERVENTION; THAT THOUGH WE WOULD LIKE SEE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WE HAD NO REASON SUPPOSE MEDIATION EFFORTS BY U.S. WOULD BE WELCOMED AND SUGGESTED THAT SUCH ROLE MIGHT MORE EFFECTIVELY BE PLAYED BY AFRICAN COUNTRY. ASABIA AGREED THAT LATTER POINT MIGHT BE VALID BUT IMPLIED WE HAD WAYS OF STIMULATING AFRICAN MEDIATION EFFORT IF WE WISHED.

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4. ASABIA HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LONG LUNCH AT GOVT HOUSE AND WAS SHAKING HIS HEAD OVER CURRENT ATMOSPHERE IN IBADAN WHERE ALL KINDS OF RUMORS BEING REPEATED AND BELIEVED. AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF HOW WILD RUMORS COULD BE, HE SAID THERE WAS EVEN TALK THAT MILGOV ADEBAYO MIGHT BE KILLED, ADDING QUICKLY THAT HE DOUBTED THERE WAS ANY SUCH PLAN, BUT EVEN SUCH TALK WAS DISTURBING. ONLY COUPLE OF TIMES BEFORE HAD TOWN BEEN SO FULL OF RUMORS.

5. WHILE ASABIA DID NOT IDENTIFY CIVILIANS IN FMG "WAR CABINET" HE DID SAY IT INCLUDED FOUR PROMINENT CIVILIANS.

6. SPEAKING OF POLITICAL AFTERMATH IN WEST, HE SAID HE BELIEVED WEST WOULD BE FURTHER DIVIDED AND THAT CREATION OF YORUBA CENTRAL STATE WAS "PART OF THE DEAL." WOULD NOT BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSING NATURE OF DEAL. AGREED THAT IF YCS CREATED THERE WOULD BE PRESSURE FOR OTHERS, INCLUDING EKITI STATE. ALSO

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ADMITTED THERE WAS SOME FEELING IN YORUBALAND AGAINST
IJBEBU AND EGBA YORUBAS WHO TENDED TO BE BETTER
QUALIFIED AND HARDER WORKING THAN OTHER YORUBAS AND
THEREFORE GET BEST JOBS. THEN, LIKE IBOS, THEY FAVORED
THEIR KINSMEN. THUS, WHILE DEPLOING DIVISIONS AMONG
YORUBAS, HE QUITE FRANK IN ADMITTING THEM.

7. COMMENT: ABOVE REPORTED IN SOME DETAIL AS INDICATION
CURRENT ATMOSPHERE IN IBADAN AMONG EDUCATED ELITE OF NO
PRONOUNCED POLITICAL PERSUASION. MAIN CONCERN SEEMS
HOW TO GET CONFLICT STOPPED BEFORE MORE SERIOUS DAMAGE
DONE TO COUNTRY. ATMOSPHERE FRIENDLY THOUGH WE PUSHED
TO DO MORE TO HASTEN SETTLEMENT. NOTE INTERESTING
PARALLEL WITH "PEACE FEELER" REPORTED LAGOS 1930.

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1. UPON BEING ASKED FOR COMMENT ON ENUGU RADIO BROADCAST
REPORT IN REFERENCE FBIS MESSAGE, SHELL-BP SPOKESMAN LAGOS
SAID FIRST THING OJUKWU HAD SAID TO STAN GRAY WAS

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THAT SHELL-BP HAD USED THEIR OIL SERVICE VESSELS TO
QTE LEAD NIGERIAN NAVY UP BONNY CHANNEL UNQTE AS COVER FOR
INVASION. GRAY TOLD OJUKWU THIS WAS QTE NONSENSE, UNQTE
ARGUMENT OVER THIS CHARGE AND GRAY'S REFUSAL MAKE
IMMEDIATE PAYMENT 3.5 MILLION POUNDS LED TO VERY

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SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.
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1. ON EVENING 27 JULY, LTC M.O. JOHNSON, MEMBER SUPREME MIL COUNCIL (SMC) AND MIL GOVERNOR LAGOS STATE, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM EVENING MEETING SMC, TOLD DATT, IN DATT'S HOME THAT:

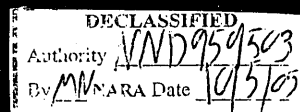
A. LATEST SITREP SUBMITTED GOWON BY COMBINED FMG TASK FORCE AT BONNY REPORTED ENTIRE OIL COMPLEX THEREAT TO INCLUDE TANK FARM, TANKER TERMINAL, PIPE LINES, PUMPING STATIONS AND

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ALL RELATED EQUIPMENT: HAD BEEN SEIZED INTACT BY FEDERAL FORCES AND THAT EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES HAD NOT BEEN DAMAGED IN ANY WAY EITHER BY EASTERN DEFENDERS OR BY PRELANDING OPERATIONS OF NIGERIAN NAVY. SOURCE SAID LTC B.M. ADKUNLE, OVERALL TROOP COMMANDER FOR OPERATION, HAD BEEN CTRGED BY GOWON WITH SEIZING BONNY TOWN AND OIL INSTALLATIONS WITH MINIMUM POSSIBLE DAMAGE OR LOSS LIFE OR PROPERTY. GOWON WAS OVERJOYED AT ADEKUNLE'S SITREP WHICH SOURCE QUOTED AS SAYING "AS I PROMISED

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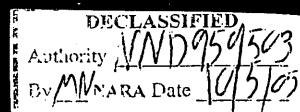
YOU, I HAVE TAKEN ENTIRE OIL INSTALLATION AND BONNY TOWN WITH NO DAMAGE OIL INSTALLATION AND ONLY MODERATE DAMAGE TOWN". WHEN QUERIED AS TO EFFECTS REPORTED SHELLING OF AREA BY NIGERIAN NAVY, SOURCE SAID NAVY DID NOT INDISCRIMINATELY POUR SHELLS INTO AREA IN ORDER SUB-DUE IT. RATHER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOWONJS COMMANDS, NAVY MOVED VERY CAUTIOUSLY AND TOOK UNDER DIRECT FIRE ONLY KNOWN OR DETECTED EASTERN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. SOURCE SAID THAT AS RESULT, OIL INSTALLATIONS HAD BEEN SPARED. (ECONOMIC COUNSELLOR HAS BEEN TOLD BY SHETT OIL PERSONNEL THAT, INDEED, OIL INSTALLATIONS BONNY HAD COME THROUGH UNSCATHEDGBM
B. ADKUNLE INDICATED EASTERN DEFENSE OF AREA HAD BEEN STRONG

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BUT THAT EVIDENTLY NAVAL GUN FIRE PRECEDING TROOP LANDINGS HAD SO THOROUGHLY SUBDUED EASTERN DEFENSIVE FORCES THAT RESISTANCE TO ACTUAL LANDING FORCE WAS ONLY SCATTERED. ADEKUNLE REPORTED NO FMG DEATHS, VERY FEW WOUNDED AND MORE SEASICK CASES THAN BATTLE CASUALTIES. ADKUNLE ALSO REPORTED HIS TWO BN FORCE HAD CONSOLIDATED POSITIONS BOTH SIDES RIVER AND CHANNEL AND WAS "PROCEEDING ACCORDING PLAN". SOURCE PROFESSED PERSONAL UNCERTAINTY AS TO ADEKUNLE'S NEXT MOVE BUT THOUGHT IT LIKELY HE WOULD MOVE ON OKRIKA AND/OR HARCOURT. C. IT WAS NNS OGOJA WHICH SUNK BNS VIGILANT IN BONNY RIVER RATHER THAN NNS NIGERIA AS REPORTED EARLIER. SOURCE SAID NIGERIA DID NOT ENTER BONNY CHANNEL DURING OPERATION. RATHER, IT STOOD OFF SHORE WITH TROOP CARRYING VESSELS WHILE OGOJA, ENUGU AND BENIN ENTERED CHANNEL FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT INITIAL TASKS ASSIGNED NAVY. FIRING AT TARGETS BONNY ISLAND HAD BEEN DONE EXCLUSIVELY BY THESE THREE VESSELS. NIGERIA WITH HER LONGER RANGE FOUR INCH BATTERY WAS PREPARED SUPPORT OPERATION AS REQUIRED, BUT THAT NO SUCH NEED HAD ARISEN SO FAR IN OPERATION.
D. SITUATION BOTH SECTORS NORTHERN FRONT DEVELOPING ACCORDANCE

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FMG BASIC PLANS. FMG FORCES CONTROL NSUKKA AND SURROUNDING

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ROAD NET AS FAR EAST AS ROUTE THREE; OBJECTIVE THIS FRONT REMAINS THAT HOLDING NSUKKA, FORCING COMMITMENT MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER EASTERN FORCES, AND, AT SAME TIME, CONDUCTING LIMITED PATROL AND PROBING ACTIVITIES ON ROUTE THREE AND TO AREAS SOUTH EAST OBOLO ON ROAD TO ROUTE ELEVEN. IN OGOJA PROVINCE, OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO CLEAR PROVINCE AND INSTALL FMG SPONSORED CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. SOURCE THOUGHT THIS OBJECTIVE BEING ACCOMPLISHED AT SAME TIME TROOPS MOVING SLOWLY SOUTH CLEARING VILLAGES AND TIGHTENING GRIP ON HIGHWAY LEADING TO IKOM WHERE EASTERN GARRISON STATIONED. (INFO INDICATES THIS EASTERN

FOURTEENTH BN MINUS ONE COMPANY WHICH DETACHED FOR DUTY IN AREA BETWEEN ABAKALIKI AND IGUMALE AREA OF NORTH). ON THIS FRONT, SOURCE THOUGHT FMG MIGHT "VERY SOON" INITIATE ANOTHER PRESSURE POINT FOR EASTERN FORCES BY LAUNCHING NEW ATTACK IN FORCE SOUTH FROM IGUMALE AREA EITHER TOWARD ABAKALIKI OR NKALAGU WEST OF ABAKALIKI. OBJECTIVE HERE WOULD BE SAME AS NSUKKA FRONT; THAT IS, FORCE COMMITMENT ADDITIONAL EASTERN RESERVES OR OTHER FORCES WITH VIEW PREVENTING OJUKWU FROM REINFORCING IN SOUTH.

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E. MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTINUING PROBLEM FOR FMG WAS SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS. FOR THIS REASON, CONTINUING HEAVY OUTPUT RESERVISTS AND TRAINEES FROM KADUNA, ZARIA AND OTHER AREAS OF NORTH BEING POSTED TO EXISTING BNS, EVEN TO EXTENT HAVING EXISTING BNS GREATLY OVERSTRENGTH, RATHER THAN CREATING ANY MORE ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS THAN ABSOLUTELY DEMANDED BY SITUATION.

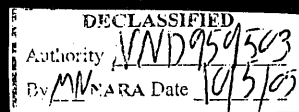
F. OFFICERS FROM ARMY HQ WHO HAVE INSPECTED AND VISITED FMG TROOP UNITS AT FRONT OVER LAST WEEK OR SO VERY PLEASED WITH

REPORTS FROM TROOP COMMANDERS THAT WITH EXPERIENCE OF COMBAT, FMG UNITS BECOMING BETTER DISCIPLINED AND INCREASINGLY MORE EFFECTIVE.

2. AMCONSUL, IBADAN, REPORTS THAT LT SEDENHU, C.O. SECOND FIELD BATTERY BACK IN IBADAN BRIEFLY TOLD UK DEP HIGH COMM OF HIS EXPERIENCES AT FRONT. MOST SIGNIFICANT REMARKS WERE:

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A-MORALE FMG TROOPS VERY HIGH, AND THEY FULLY EXPECT TO
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COUNTRY, NIGERIA. SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY KEY FMG SUPREME MIL COUNCIL
MEMBERS ON NIGERIAN/US RELATIONSHIPS.
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WITH DATT AT DATT'S HOME, LTC M.O. JOHNSON, MEMBER SUPREME

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MIL COUNCIL (SMC) AND MIL GOVERNOR LAGOS STATE MADE SIGNIFICANT

COMMENT ON SUBJECT CURRENT NIGERIAN/US RELATIONSHIPS. HE SAID
THAT AT EVENING MEETING SMC LAST WEEK (SOURCE THOUGHT MEETING
HAD BEEN ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY OR THURSDAY 20 JULY) GOWON HAD
TAKEN VERY STRONG STAND WITH SMC ON MATTER DEVELOPING "ANTI-US"
CAMPAIGN IN NIGERIAN NEWS MEDIA. ACCORDING SOURCE, GOWON SAID
HE "APPALLED" AT WAY SITUATION HAD DEVELOPED AND THAT "HE
WANTED THIS THING BROUGHT TO HALT AT ONCE". SOURCE SAID
GOWON HAD CHARGED EACH MEMBER COUNCIL PRESENT WITH DOING
"EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER TO GET THIS THING STOPPED BEFORE

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TR	XMB	AIR	<p>The German Consul in Kaduna (protect source) told me two German Catholic mission farm workers from Ogoja gave him the following story on the fall of Ogoja town.</p> <p>According to the mission workers, there was no rebel resistance to the taking of Ogoja town, the rebel troops having withdrawn two days before the arrival of the Federal Army because of the hostility of the local populace and possibly for tactical reasons. When the Federal troops entered the outskirts of Ogoja town they came upon the Catholic mission. Entering the mission compound the soldiers were greeted by the Bishop of Ogoja and/or a priest. All was quiet when suddenly the church bell began to toll. The tolling of the church bell was interpreted by the nervous Federal soldiers as a possible signal to the rebel troops and they quickly took cover after which firing broke out. According to the two farm workers, although not a single shot was fired from inside the compound, the Federal forces blazed away for over an hour at the church and other buildings in the compound until the buildings were completely riddled. There were people in the church at the time, all of whom, including the priests, miraculously escaped without serious injury.</p> <p>According to the Catholic farm workers, the young officer in command of the company that shot up the mission (Captain Atta--see refairgram) was subsequently removed by his Commanding Officer. The reporting officer has seen and talked with Captain Atta in Kaduna.</p> <p>The two farm workers said that as soon as the town was occupied by the Federals, there was an invasion of primitive bush people from the villages in the surrounding areas, many of them from small tribal sub-groups. These people began to loot and pillage. Many houses were set afire after being</p>			
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looted and anyone, Ibo or Ogoja, who made the slightest move to defend his property was cut down and killed on the spot. The workers said the looting went on for five days and was still continuing on the 16th when they (the workers) left Ogoja. They said the town has been completely plundered and there was not a bit of food or other goods left to be bought there. Happily, they reported, the Catholic mission has about a two-month supply of food on hand.

The mission buildings were not touched by the looters possibly because the Army posted guards at all the mission houses and buildings in order to safeguard the missionaries as well, perhaps, as to restrict the missionaries' movements.

The two farm workers said they had seen no white mercenaries among either rebel or Federal forces. Nor had they talked with anyone who professed to have seen white mercenaries on either side.

COMMENT: The foregoing report fits together in some respects with the report from Captain Atta (refairgram) who was Commanding Officer of the point company assigned to search and clear Ogoja town. Piecing the two stories together it would appear that, whatever the exact sequence of events may have been, the Federal forces panicked over the tolling of the church bell and either delivered an extended one-way fusillade at a non-existent enemy or engaged in firing at one another. Captain Atta's version included an assertion that there were Ibo snipers in the trees and in the Bishop's residence in the compound. The fact, however, that Captain Atta's superior, Major Ahmadu Yakubu, Commanding Officer, 20th Battalion, did not accept the Captain's story and removed him from his command, would seem to indicate that something was seriously wrong with the Captain's story or with his handling of the search and clear operation, or both. As reported in the refairgram, Captain Atta asserted that his company was subjected to a misdirected mortar barrage delivered by FMG support units in his rear. He added that many of his men "scattered for bush." One wonders whether Captain Atta may not have been among those who panicked. In any case, if the mission workers' version is correct, the Captain certainly did not have satisfactory control of his men.

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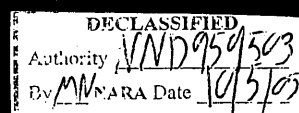
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DO NOT WANT ANY PUBLICITY BECAUSE THEY PLAN CONTINUE THEIR WORK IN ALL AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, CATHOLIC MISSION IN OGOJA TOWN CONTINUING (WITH FEWER EXPAT PERSONNEL) SINCE AREA OCCUPIED BY FMG.

5. SIGNIFICANT ASPECT LAGOS RADIO NEWS TALK IS DISTINCTION IT MAKES BETWEEN MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS. TEXT DESCRIBES MERCENARY AS ONE WHO WILL FIGHT ANYONE FOR PAY, WHILE COLLABORATOR "MAY HAVE GENUINE FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR CAUSE HE SEEKS TO PURSUE." MANY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN EASTERN NIGERIA SEEM TO "FEEL" RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, THAT THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES ARE TIED UP WITH FATE OF AREA IN WHICH THEY

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LIVE." "COLLAGORATION MAY BE BY WAY OF MAKING GIFTS TO REBELS, OFFERING SPACE FOR PRESERVATION OF REBEL STORES, OR PROVIDING MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR EQUIPMENT OF REBELS." TALK SAYS ORINARILY THERE SHOULD BE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN ABOUT THESE COLLABORATORS WHO WILL BE DEALT WITH "ACCORDING TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE."

6. COMMENT. FOREGOING IS OBVIOUSLY WARNING TO FOREIGNERS NOT TO HELP OJUKWU'S REBELS. BUT FACT THAT FMG RADIO RECOGNIZES THAT ALL CAPTURED FOREIGNERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY MERCENARIES IS PLUS FACTOR AND MAY INDICATE BEGINNING OF EFFORTS TO WIGGLE OFF OF PROPAGANDA HOOK CREATED BY EARLIER CALIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED MERCENARIES.

7. PROBABLY MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF NEWS TALK IS WARNING THAT COLLABORATORS ARE "GENERALLY SOURCE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES." THIS EMPHASIS, PLUS THREATS IN LAST PARAGRAPH, SUGGEST THAT PRIME PURPOSE OF TALK IS EXPRESSED IN LAST SENTENCE HOPE THAT "NO COUNTRY WILL USE RESENCE OF ITS NATIONALS IN MIDST OF REBELS AS AN EXCUSE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT WHOLE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED AS A DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA."

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TO UKHC WHICH NOT PREVIOUSLY AWAREOF IT) IS BEING GIVEN
CONSDERATION BY BRITISH HICOM HUNT.

9. EMBASSY CONSULTING OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AS WELL
AS UK, ON STEPS TO TAKE WITH FMG. FIRST REACTION FMG
MINISTRY INFORMAION TO INQUIRY ABOUT TALK WAS THAT THEY
KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

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1. BRITISH HICOM (PROTECT SOURCE) TODAY RECEIVED INFO FROM SHELL-BP THAT GENERAL MANAGER OF SHELL-BP IN NIGERIA, STANLEY GRAY, IS BEING HELD VIRTUALLY AS HOSTAGE IN ENUGU FOR PAYMENT OF 3.5 MILLION POUNDS.

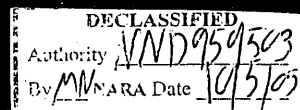
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2. HICOM UNDERSTANDS THAT GRAY AND HAMILTON (SHELL-BP PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER) WENT TO ENUGU FROM PORT HARCOURT JULY 26 AND HAD INTERVIEW WITH OJUKWU PLUS FOUR OF HIS OFFICIALS AT 2200. OJUKWU ACCUSED SHELL-BP OF LETTING HEAT DOWN AND DEMANDED PAYMENT OF OIL ROYALTIES BY JULY 28. HE EVEN CHARGED THAT SHELL-BP WORK BOATS HAD LED NIGERIAN INVASION FLEET UP CHANNEL FROM BONNY TO PORT HARCOURT.

3. OJUKWU WAS QUITE DISSATISFIED WITH GRAY'S NON-COMMITTAL ATTITUDE AND FINALLY SAID THAT GRAY WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNTIL 3.5 MILLION POUNDS HAVE

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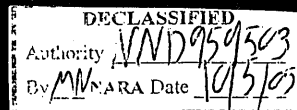
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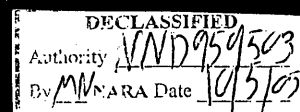
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OF OBUDU CATTLE RANCH AND WAS PICKED UP NEAR OGOJA BECAUSE
HE WAS CARRYING SHOTGUN. UKHC IS PRESSURING FMG TO RELEASE
HIM SOON. IN ADDITION, THREE CATHOLIC PRIESTS (PRESUMABLY
IRISH) WHO WERE DRIVING NORTH OF NSUKKA IN EARLY DAYS OF
BATTLE WERE TAKEN BY FMG FORCES TO MAKURDI WHERE THEY REPORTEDLY
STAYING WITH OTHER MISSIONARIES. CATHOLICS, LIKE LUTHERANS,
DO NOT WANT ANY PUBLICITY BECAUSE THEY PLAN CONTINUE

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THEIRWORK IN ALL AREAS. FOR EXAMPLE, CATHOLIC MISSION IN OGOJA TOWN CONTINUING (WITH FEWER EXPAT PERSONNEL) SINCE AREA OCCUPIED BY FMG.

5. SIGNIFICANT ASPECT LAGOS RADIO NEWS TALK IS DISTINCTION IT MAKES BETWEEN MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS. TEXT DESCRIBES MERCENARY AS ONE WHO WILL FIGHT ANYONE FOR PAY, WHILE COLLABORATOR "MAY HAVE GENUINE FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR CAUSE HE SEEKS TO PURSUE." MANY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN EASTERN NIGERIA SEEM TO "FEEL, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, THAT THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES ARE TIED UP WITH FATE OF AREA IN WHICH THEY

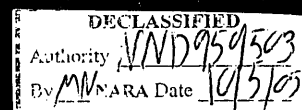
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6. COMMENT. FOREGOING IS OBVIOUSLY WARNING TO FOREIGNERS NOT TO HELP OJUKWU'S REBELS. BUT FACT THAT FMG RADIO RECOGNIZES THAT ALL CAPTURED FOREIGNERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY MERCENARIES IS PLUS FACTOR AND MAY INDICATE BEGINNING OF EFFORTS TO WIGGLE OFF OF PROPAGANDA HOOK CREATED BY EARLIER CALIMS TO HAVE CAPTURED MERCENARIES.

7. PROBABLY MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF NEWS TALK IS WARNING THAT COLLABORATORS ARE "GENERALLY SOURCE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES." THIS EMPHASIS, PLUS THREATS IN LAST PARAGRAPH, SUGGEST THAT PRIME PURPOSE OF TALK IS EXPRESSED IN LAST SENTENCE HOPE THAT "NO COUNTRY WILL USE RESENCE OF ITS NATIO JLS IN MIDST OF REBELS AS AN EXCUSE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT WHOLE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED AS A DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA."

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8. COMMENT: POINTS IN FOREGOING PARA SEEM AIMED PRIMARILY
AGAINST BRITISH WHO MORE LIKELY BE WILLING AND ABLE INTERVENE
THAN ANY OTHER FOREIGNERS. THIS ASPECT OF TALK (COPY GIVEN
TO UKHC WHICH NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF IT) IS BEING GIVEN
CONSIDERATION BY BRITISH HYCOM HUNT.

9. EMBASSY CONSULTING OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AS WELL
AS UK, ON STEPS TO TAKE WITH FMG. FIRST REACTION FMG
MINISTRY INFORMATION TO INQUIRY ABOUT TALK WAS THAT THEY
KNEW NOTHING ABOUT IT.

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1. SOME CONCERN AMONG EXPATRIATES IN NIGERIA HAS BEEN GENERATED
BY "NEWS TALK" BROADCAST BY LAGOS RADIO JULY 25 ON SUBJECT
"MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS".

SUCH "TALKS", WHICH SIMILAR TO COMMENTARIES ON NEWS
BY RADIO NETWORKS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, ARE CARRIED DAILY BY BOTH LAGOS
AND ENUGU AND ARE NOTED FOR RHETORIC MORE THAN CONTENT. TEXT OF
TALK ON "MERCENARIES AND COLLABORATORS", AS REPORTED BY FBIS JULY
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WM "AT LEAST FOUR FOREIGN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED ALIVE BY THE FEDERAL TROOPS IN THEIR PRESENT CAMPAIGN TO CRUSH OJUKWU'S REBELLION. SEVERAL OTHERS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ACTION. PRESUMABLY FOR DIPLOMATIC REASONS THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT YET DISCLOSED THE NATIONAL IDENTITY OF THE PRISONERS. BUT ONE SIGNIFICANT FACT IS SAID TO HAVE EMERGED FROM PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION OF THE CAPTURED MEN. NOT RPT NOT ALL ARE MERCENARIES. SOME OF THEM ARE SIMPLY COLLABORATING WITH THE REBELS.

TO MOST PEOPLE THERE IS ONLY A FINE DISTINCTION BETWEEN A MERCENARY AND A COLLABORATOR. BUT IN THE CONTEXT OF HUMAN NATURE, THERE IS MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO SPECIES. THE MERCENARY IS A FOREIGNER WHO IS HIRED TO FIGHT IN A WAR IN WHICH HE HAS NO INTEREST EXCEPT THE REWARD OF MONEY. HE CAN FIGHT FOR YOU TODAY WITH THE SAME EAGERNESS AS HE HAD FOUGHT AGAINST YOU YESTERDAY. HIS CONDUCT IS DETERMINED SOLELY BY FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

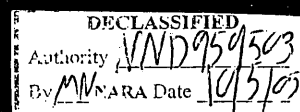
3. "IT IS DIFFERENT WITH THE COLLABORATOR. HE MAY HAVE A GENUINE FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR THE CAUSE HE SEEKSTO PURSUE. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE CURRENT NIGERIAN SITUATION, THERE ARE MANY FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO HAD LIVE IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY FOR MANY YEARS. SUCH PEOPLE MAY FEEL, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, THAT THEIR LIVES AND FORTUNES ARE TIED UP WITH THE FATE OF THE AREA IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THERE SEEM TO BE MANY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE THREE EASTERN STATES WHO HAVE BECOME COLLABORATORS IN THIS WAY. THE COLLABORATION

MAY BE BY WAY OF MAKING GIFTS TO THE REBELS, OFFERING SPACE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF REBEL STRES, OR PROVIDING MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR THE EQUIPMENT OF THE REBELS.

4. "ORDINARILY, THERE SHOULD BE NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN ABOUT THESE COLLABORATORS, AS THEY, LIKE THE MERCENARIES, WILL BE DEALT WITH IN THE NORMAL WAY ACCORDING TO THE MERITS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE. BUT EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT THEY ARE GENERALLY THE SOURCE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. IT HAS HAPPENED IN AFRICA THIS MONTH. WHEN MOISE TSHOMBE REVOLTED

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AGAINST THE CONGOLESE GOVERNMENT, AND DECLARED THE SECESSION OF KATANGA, A BLOODY CONFLICT FOLLOWED. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT RUSHED AIR FORCE PLANES AND PARATROOPERS TO STANLEYVILLE. THE EXCUSE OF THE BELGIANS WAS THEY HAD TO GO TO STANLEYVILLE IN ORDER TO EVACUATE THEIR NATIONAL WHOSE LIVES WERE IN DANGER.

5. "THIS IS WHY NIGERIANS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE THREE EASTERN STATES. AS SOON AS OJUKWU DECLARED HIS REBELLION

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ON 30 MAY, AND THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, MAJOR GENERAL GOWON, ANNOUNCED HIS IRREVOCABLE DETERMINATION TO CRUSH THE REBELLION. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WOULD BE A FIGHT. EVERYONE KNEW THAT THE BATTLEGROUND WOULD BE THE TERRITORY FORCIBLY HELD BY OJUKWU. BESIDES THAT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GAVE NOTICE TO FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LAGOS TO TAKE STEPS TO REMOVE THEIR NATIONALS FROM THE EAST.

6. "IT SEEMS THAT SOME COUNTRIES WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ADVICE. THIS MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF OJUKWU'S BOAST THAT NO POWER IN BLACK AFRICA COULD SUBDUCE HIM, AND THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO ATTACK HIM WOULD BE SUICIDAL AS WELL AS THE FORECASTS BY THE SO-CALLED EXPERTS ON NIGERIAN AFFAIRS TO THE EFFECT THAT OWING TO PROBLEMS OF LOGISTICS AND TOPOGRAPHY, AN

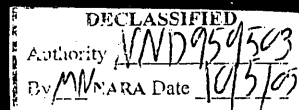
ATTACK ON OJUKWU WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUCCEED. THEY ALLOWED THEIR NATIONALS TO STAY.

7. "NOW WITH THE FALL OF NSUKKA, THERE IS NO LONGER ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SO OVER THE WEEKEND THE VOYAGE OF THE VESSEL, ISONZO, WAS QUICKLY ARRANGED. THIS BOAT BROUGHT TO LAGOS EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FOREIGNERS OF TWENTY-THREE NATIONALITIES.

8. "THIS NUMBER SUGGESTS THAT THERE IS STILL A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO LEAVE THE REBEL-HELD TERRITORY.

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THIS IS DANGEROUS. FOR ANY FOREIGN NATIONAL WHO STAYS BEHIND AT THIS STAGE CAN ONLY BE REGARDED AS COLLABORATING WITH THE REBELS. AND SO FAR AS THE PRESENT NIGERIAN CRISIS IS CONCERNED, THE ROLE OF A COLLABORATOR WITH THE REBELS IS AS BAD AS THAT OF A MERCENARY. LET US HOPE THAT NO COUNTRY WILL USE THE PRESENCE OF ITS NATIONALS IN THE MIDST OF THE REBELS AS AN EXCUSE TO GET INVOLVED IN WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED AS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF NIGERIA."

9. COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPTEL.
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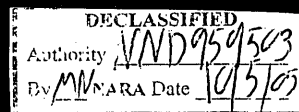
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1. REGULAR THURSDAY PRESS CONFERENCE BY MINF INFO JULY 27
SHED LITTLE FURTHER LIGHT ON SITUATION IN NIGERIA, ACCORDING
LEON STEINBERG WHO ATTENDED AS VOA CORRESPONDENT.

2. FMG SPOKESMEN (AYIDA AND JODA, MIN INFO OFFICIAL RECENTLY
TRANSFERRERED FROM KADUNA) REFUSED TO COMMENT ON MILITARY
SITUATION EXCEPT TO SAY THAT THERE WERE NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.
INTENSIVE QUESTIONING BROUGHT OUT STATEMENT THAT FMG "IN
AREA" OF IKOM SPOKESMAN INADVERTENTLY LET SLIP REMARK THAT

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ROAD TO CAMEROONS NOT BLOCKED. SPECULATION IN DAILY TIMES THAT FMG TROOPS NOW ENROUTE TO CALABAR WAS SAID TO BE "NOT OFFICIALS." FMG HOPES TO SALVAGE FORMER NAVAL SHIP IBADAN SUNK IN ACTION AGAINST FMG FORCES AT BONNY RIVER ENTRANCE TO PORT HARCOURT.

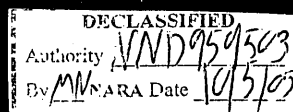
3. CORRESPONDENTS HAD LENGTHLY BUT FRUSTRATING DISCUSSION WITH SPOKESMEN ON FMG ATTITUDE TOWARDS FOREIGNERS IN REBEL TERRITORY. SPOKESMEN DENIED ANY FMG KNOWLEDGE OF OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR RADIO NEWSTALK (LAGOS 950 AND LAGOS 951), AND SAID FOREIGNERS IN EASTERN NIGERIA IN NO DANGER "IF NOT

PAGE 3 RUTALS 964CC C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMITED OFFICIAL USE IN FRONT LINES OR PARTICIPATING." AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE, SPOKESMEN SAID PROVATELY THAT RADIO TALK WAS "GOOD PROPAGANDA" BECAUSE IT WOULD FRIGHTEN PEOPLE TO LEAVE EAST.

4. FIRM "NO COMMENT" GIVEN ON QUESTIONS ABOUT OIL ROYALTIES, FMG ATTEMPTS TO HALT AID TO "BAIFRA," AND OTHER TOPICS. MATHEWS

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1. Indian Head officials increasingly concerned for safety of Aba Textiles' 14-15 US, UK and Dutch employees remaining in East at Aba. Indian Head wants all of this staff withdrawⁿ from East if this action now advisable on grounds safety, or alternatively to have three or four remain as caretaker force on purely voluntary basis if under present circumstances this deemed a safe procedure.
2. Indian Head informed it might well be better at this time for employees to remain, in view of growing difficulty of egress.
3. Consulate Enugu requested discuss above with Joe Flynn at Aba.

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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: July 26, 1968

SUBJECT: Houphouet-Boigny's Views on the Biafran Situation

PARTICIPANTS: Minister Argov, Embassy of Israel

Mr. Eugene V. Rostow, Under Secretary for
Political Affairs

Mr. Robert T. Grey, Special Assistant
to Under Secretary for Political Affairs

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Minister Argov told Mr. Rostow that he has been instructed by his Government to call at the highest levels in the Department to make the following presentation:

In a conversation with the Israeli Ambassador in Abidjan, Houphouet-Boigny reported that he was disturbed and depressed about his relationship with the United States. It was clear from the tone of the conversation that Houphouet expected the Israeli Ambassador to let the United States Government know the substance of his presentation. Houphouet feared that there was a coordinated Communist and radical Arab plan, both in the Middle East and in Africa with the Algerians, Nasser et al on the move. He blamed the United States for this and said that in his opinion the radicals felt that they have an open season, that they are unhindered and unhampered. In Houphouet's opinion the Arabs and the Soviets are determined to go to the heart of Africa. He reported his fears were shared by President Diiori of Niger. He and Diiori were afraid that if the Biafran secession was crushed this radical tide would spill over into Niger and that there was a similar situation in Chad. Houphouet was also

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concerned about the Chinese Communist threat to Mali, Guinea and Tanzania. At this point Minister Argov said that his Government endorses Houphouet's fears to a considerable degree.

Houphouet went on to say that he felt that he had no meaningful dialogue with the United States Government and that he was not considered as an ally or a friend. He thought that the United States was perhaps suspicious about him because of his close relationship with General de Gaulle. He pointed out, however, that his relationship with De Gaulle in no way interfered with his desire to have a close, continuing and cooperative relationship with us and he wished us to take his concerns more seriously. At this point he recited an African proverb to the Israeli Ambassador: "The little boy sees what the ant does, while the big man does not."

Houphouet said he had seen Ojukwu and was tremendously impressed by him as a leader and as a personality. In Houphouet's view Biafra needed assistance within two weeks. He was critical of the Israeli position and feared the Israelis had been influenced too much by the United States. Houphouet felt that Biafra needs help to keep alive and that Biafra should survive as Biafra. He did not spell out whether Biafra should survive as an independent entity within or without Nigeria. He felt that the Biafran struggle is part of the grand design which he mentioned earlier. Argov again noted that the Government of Israel shared some of Houphouet's thinking on this point.

Argov also noted that the Government of Israel has been very careful on the Biafran problem but that it hasn't minced words about the slaughter of the Ibos and of the moral issues involved. Israel felt strongly that the war must come to an end.

Under Secretary Rostow expressed appreciation for the message and said that we would take it seriously indeed. We, too, respected Houphouet as an experienced and mature statesman and would study his views carefully.

Minister Argov called later and said that the Israeli Government would appreciate it if we did not inform Houphouet or his Government that the GOI had made this presentation to us.

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WITH FMG SEIZURE OF BONNY ISLAND, GOV OF MID-WEST
CLOSURE OF ONITSHA-ASABA CROSSING, AND DESTRUCTION
OF BRIDGES ON ENUGU-IKOM ROAD ONLY ROUTE OF EGRESS REMAINING
APPEARS TO BE VIA ORON OR IKOT OKPORA-CALABAR MAMFE ROUTE
WHICH ALSO MAY WELL SOON BE CLOSED OFF BY FMG ACTION.
THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO ALL REMAINING

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REMAINING OPEN IN CASE THEY ARE NOT PREPARED TO ASSUME
A "HEADSDOWN" POSTURE FOR THE DURATION.
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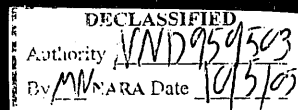
1. WITH RESPECT PROGRESS FMG AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION BONNY AREA,
FMG MIL SOURCES, USING AS BASIS THEIR INFO FMG MORNING MIL
SITREP, CLAIM:

A. THAT FMG COMBINED FORCE (NAVY AND ARMY) OPERATION COMMENCED
BONNY AREA AT APPROX 0500 LOCAL TIME 25 JULY. ACTION COMMENCED
WITH SHELLING SELECTED TARGET AREAS BY VESSELS NIGERIAN NAVY

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IN TASK FORCE. SHELLING LASTED APPROX TWO HOURS FOLLOWING
WHICH TROOPS NIGERIAN ARMY COMMENCED GOING ASHORE BONNY ISLAND
MID-MORNING. SHORTLY BEFORE NOON FIRGATE NNS NIGERIA SIGHTED
BNS BIAFRA (OR VIGILANT) (EX-NNS IBADAN) (SEAWARD DEFENSE BOAT) MOVING
SOUTH DOWN BONNY CHANNEL FROM DIRECTION PORT HARCOURT TOWARDS SCEN
OF OPERATIONS AT BONNY TOWN. NIGERIA ENGAGED BIAFRA WITH HER
DUAL FOUR INCH BATTERY AND SET BIAFRA AFIRE. SUBSEQUENTLY

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BIAFRA SETTLED AND SUNK IN BONNY RIVER "SEVERAL MILES NORTH OF BONNY TOWN". FG MIL SOURCES SAY ENTIRE CREW SAVED AND CAPTURED AND THAT VESSEL IN SUFFICIENTLY SHALLOW WATER SO THAT DCKS AWASH AND CHANCE SALVAGING 40MM BOFORS GUN EXISTS. ONE OF ESCORTING "AFRAN" PATROL BOATS ALSO CLAIMED AS SUNK BY NIGERIA.

B. THAT BY NITEFALL BONNY ISLAND ITSELF SECURED BY ARMY FORCES AND THAT "IN EXCESS TWO HUNDRED EASTERN MIL PRISONERS TAKEN." IN ADDITION, "SURPRISING LARGE NUMBER WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED ON BONNY BY FMG FORCES". SOURCES ALSO CLAIM FMG FORCES ON AND ALSO CONTROL "WALLIS ISLAND" WHICH IS ON WEST SIDE BONNY RIVR AND CHANNEL ACROSS FROM AND SLIGHTLY TO NORTH WEST BONNY ISLAND.

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C. THAT ALTHOUGH BASIC GOAL BONNY OPERATION IS TO GAIN CONTROL VITAL ENTRANCE FACILITIES TO PORT HARCOURT, OVERALL PLANS, GEARED TO SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPED AT BONNY, WERE "CONSIDERABLY MORE AMBITIOUS THAN CAPTURE BONNY AND SURROUNDING AREAS" (IMPLICATION CAME THROUGH QUITE STRONGLY THAT PORT HARCOURT ITSELF COULD WELL BE ULTIMATE TARGET HERE AND THAT EFFORTS MIGHT VERY WELL BE CURRENTLY UNDER WAY EXPLOIT INITIAL SUCCESSES BEFORE OJUKWU CAN REINFORCE SIGNIFICANTLY IN HARCOURT AREA)

3. FMG SOURCES, WHILE DISCUSSING BONNY OPERATIONS, DID NOT MENTION CALABAR NOR RESPOND TO SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BRING CALABAR AREA INTO OVERALL DISCUSSION.

4. WITH RESPECT REPORTS ORIGINATING WITH US AND UK COMMERCIAL SOURCES IN LAGOS AREA (WHICH MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH BONNY/HARCOURT AREA) TO EFFECT THAT SEVERAL OIL COMPANY WORK BOATS HAD BEEN "STRAFED BY PLANE" ON AFTERNOON 25 JULY IN VICINITY MAIN PORT INSTALLATIONS PORT HARCOURT, DAO REPRESSED FOR DETAILS ON TYPE PLANE. QUERY TO PORT HARCOURT AREA BROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN BELIEVED TWIN ENGINE TYPE. (THIS INDICATES REPORTED STAFING WORK BOATS WAS MOST LIKELY WORK EASTERN B-26 WHICH KNOWN TO HAVE ENGAGED SEVERAL BOMBING RAIDS

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NORTH OF EASTERN BORDER OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS. SUPPOSITION IS THAT PLANE TOOK WORK BOATS FOR FMG VESSELS ON INVASION FLEET. SIGNIFICANTLY, DAMAGE REPORTED LIGHT BOTH BOATS AND BOTH REPORTED IN OPERATIONAL CONDITION. BEST AVAILABLE INFO INDICATES POSSIBLY FIVE SUCH OIL COMPANY WORK BOATS WERE IN HARBOR AREA AT TIME FMG LAUNCHED ITS OPERATION TO SOUTH AT BONNY.)

5. IN COMMENTING ON MIL SITUATION OUTSIDE BONNY AREA, FMG SOURCES SAID:

A. FMG GRADUALLY EXTENDING SCOPE ITS CONTROL OVER NSUKKA AREA. IT CLAIMS EFFECTIVE CONTROL ALL AREAS NORTH AND WEST NSUKKA AND OF AREAS EAST NSUKKA TO INCLUDE ROUTE THREE FROM OPI THENCE NORTH ACROSS BORDER TO OROKAM AND OTUKPA. WITH RESPECT ROUTE THREE, HOWEVER, FMG ADMITS EASTERN OPERATIONS AREA SOUTH EAST OBOLO LEAVE ROUTE THREE SUBJECT OCCASIONAL HARRASSMENT BY SMALL EASTERN BANDS. SOURCES CLAIM, HOWEVER, FMG SATISFIED "FOR MOMENT" WITH ITS POSITION NSUKKA AREA, AND THAT PRESSURE TO EAST NSUKKA ONLY SUFFICIENT KEEP STEADY PRESSURE ON EAST AND TO GRADUALLY CLEAR AREAS EAST AND SOUTH EAST OBOLO. CLAIM IS MADE THAT ON 18/19 JULY FEDERAL FORCES MADE INCURSION SOUTHWEST OUT OF IGUMALE ENCLAVE TOWARD RAILROAD

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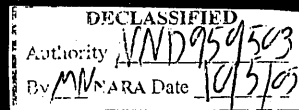
TOWN EHA AMUFU. TOWN HAS BURNED PRIOR FEDERAL WITHDRAWAL.

B. OPERATIONS ON OGOJA FRONT ALSO PROGRESSING SLOWLY WITH NO STRONG PRESSURE OF BREAKTHROUGH MAGNITUDE BEING EXERTED ANYWHERE ALONG LINE. TROOPS MOVING SLOWLY SOUTH ON ROAD TO IKOM "CONSOLIDATING AS THEY GO".

6. GENERAL IMPRESSION TAKEN AWAY WITH REGARDS ACTIVITIES ON NSUKKA/OGOJA FRONTS WAS THAT THEIR PURPOSE AS OF THIS MOMENT KEEP MAX POSSIBLE NUMBER EASTERN TROOPS AND UNITS TIED DOWN SO AS TO ENABLE OPERATIONS IN SOUTH PROGRESS. SEVERAL NOISES MADE, HOWEVER, WHICH INDICATE THAT IF PRESSURE IN SOUTH FORCES EAST RELAX ITS DEFENSES ANYWHERE ALONG NORTHERN FRONT, FMG

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PREPARED ATTEMPT EXPLOIT RPIDLY. SOME INDICATION ALSO GAINED FMG THRUST MAY VERY WELL BE DEVELOPING OUT OF IGUMALE ENCLAVE WITH OBJECTIVE SEIZURE ROAD JUNCTION TOWN NKALAGO ON MAIN ROAD EAST OF ENUGU AND WEST OF ABAKALIKI. (ONCE AGAIN, FMG STRATEGY SEEMS TO BE ONE KEEPING PRESSURE ON ALREADY ESTABLISHED FRONTS WHILE SEEKING DILUTE EASTERN DEFENSES THESE FRONTS BY OPENING NEW PRESSURE POINTS ALONG EXISTING OR NEW FRONTS. CONTINUING DANGER TO FMG HERE, OF COURSE, IS THAT THEY WILL OVEREXTEND THEMSELVES BY CONTINUATION THIS TACTIC.
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1. FMG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FEDERAL FORCES ON JULY 25 SEIZED TOWN
ON BONNY ISLAND AT ENTRANCE TO WATERWAY LEADING TO PORT
HARCOURT

IN EESTERNNE GERIAM ALSO CAPTURED NUMBER
OF PRISONERS AND LARGE QUANTITY ARMS AND AMMO. ANNOUNCEMENT

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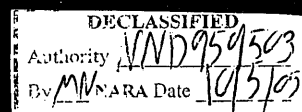
ALSO SAID NIGERIAN NAVY SANK EASTERN NEMAL VESSEL "V G TENT"
IN BONNY CHANNEL. THIS SHIP IS THE XNNS "IBADAN" WHICH WAS
SEIZED BY REBELS IN

NATABA
SOME MONTHS AGO, TAKEN TO PORT
HARCOURT

AND RENAMED.
2. VOA HAS FILED STORY. DATT IS REPORTING DETAILS OBTAINED
FROM FMG SOURCES WHICH CONFIRM ANNOUNCEMENT. MATHEWS

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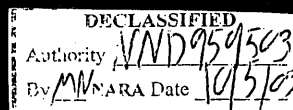
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COURT REPORTED BY TELEX JULY 26 THAT
AT ABOUT 1615Z JULY 25 UNIDENTIFIED B-26 ATTACKED THREE
AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS WHICH ANCHORED IN KATHLEEN CREEK
AT IVY ISLAND (APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY BETWEEN BONNY AND
PORT
HARCOURT IN BONNY CHANNEL).

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2. B-26 MADE TWO RUNS OVER
VESSELS INVOLVED (MV OIT SERMINE
AND MV GAS SERVICE, BOTH OWNED BY MARINE SERVICE, AND MV CAM LE,

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OWNED BY SOUTHEAST DRILLING NO). VESSELS WERE STRAFED ON FIRST RUN AND ON SECOND RUN MV GAS SERVICE WAS HIT BY INCENDIARY BOMB SIMILAR TO NAPALM. FIRE SPREAD TO MV OIL SERVICE BUT WAS REPORTLY EXTINGUISHED ON BOTH BOATS.

3. MARINE SERVICE VESSELS REPORTED TO COMPANY MANAGER BY RADIO THAT DAMAGE LIMITED TO SUPERFICIAL BURNS ON DECK AND BULLET HOLES IN FUNNELS. NO RPT NO PERSONAL INJURIES. COMPANY MANAGER, WHO DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED BY INCIDENT. SAID HE HAS TALKED TO MILITARY COMMANDER OF PORT HARCOURT BUT DID NOT ELABORATE. SAID BOATS STANDING BY FOR ORDERS FROM SHELL, WHICH HOLDS CHARTER ON ALL THREE VESSELS INVOLVED

MX CONSULATE HAS CALLED INCIDENT TO ATTENTION OF CHIEF SECRETARY J. U. AKPA. M. EMPHASIZED THAT FREE AND UNMOLESTED MOVEMENT OF SERVICE BOATS ESSENTIAL TO OFFSHORE DRILLING OPERATIONS URGED THAT "BIAFRAN AIR FORCE" TAKE SECOND LOOK BEFORE ATTACKING VESSELS IN THIS AREA.

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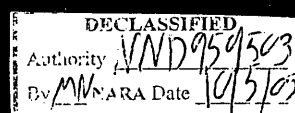
Y THET OIL COMPANIES MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS TO WORK BOATS FOR EVACUATION PURPOSES (LAGOS 895), MARINE SERVICE MANAGER SAID MILITARY HAS NOT RPT NOT RESTRICTED USE OF VESSELS IN ANY WAY.

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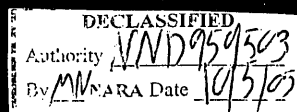
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1. SOUTHERN AREWWM AT PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON MILGOV
OJUKWU TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT FMG HAD ATTEMPTED LANDING AT
BONN. HE DID NOT ELABORATE OR SPECIFY NUMBER OF TROOPS IN-

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VOLVED. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT "BIAFRAN AIR FORCE" (BAF) HAD ATTACKED FMG VESSELS INVOLVED AND HAD DAMAGED AT LEAST FOUR OF THEM. ACCORDING TO FINNISH BROADCAST CORRESPONDENT, OJUKWU DID NOT SEEM PESSIMISTIC. ACCORDING TO ONE AMERICAN COMPANY AT PORT HARCOURT (PH) THE MILITARY COMMANDER OF PH SUGGESTED THAT THE MOUTH OF THE BONNY RIVER MIGHT BE "UNSAFE" FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

2. NSUKKA FRONT. OJUKWU ALSO TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT "BIAFRAN" FORCES ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ON FEDERAL TERRITORY IN THE MNSUKKA AREA. SEVERAL ADDITIONAL HOMEMADE ARMORED VEHICLES, INCLUDING ONE TRACKED VEHICLE, WERE SEEN IN ENUGU TODAY, PRESUMABLY EN ROUTE TO NSUKKA AREA.

3. OGOJA FRONT. A RELIABLE EXPATRIATE OBSERVER STATED THAT FMG NOW RPT NOW CONTROLS ONLY THE AREA NORTH OF OGOJA TOWN

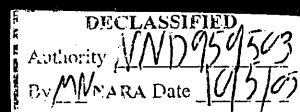
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PLUS A POCKET IN THE OBUDU AREA. HE OBTAINED THIS INFORMATION FROM EXPATRIATES STILL LIVING AT IKOM, WHICH, AS OF JULY 25, WAS FIRMLY HELD BY "BIAFRA."

4. INCIDENTS. ON JULY 25 A B-26, PROBABLY THAT OPERATED BY BAF, ATTACKED THREE AMERICAN FLAG SERVICE BOATS THAT WERE ANCHORED IN THE BONNY RIVER HALF WAY BETWEEN BONNY AND PORT HARCOURT. DAMAGE WAS LIGHT AND THERE WERE NO RPT NO PERSONAL INJURIES. CONSULATE HAS COMPLAINED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

5. ENUGU CALM WITH BUE NESS BEINI CONDUCTED AS USUAL. ABA ALSO REPORTED QUIET. SEVERAL AMERICAN COMPANIES IN PORT HARCOURT TODAY INFORMED CONSULATE THAT THE LAGOS OFFICES OF TWO COMPANIES WARNED THEIR PORT HARCOURT BRANCHES THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WAS ABOUT TO RELEASE A STATEMENT WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF AMCITS IN "BIAFRA". CONSULATE DENIED KNOWLEDGE ANY SUCH STATEMENT. AMERICAN COMMUNITY ALSO AGITATED BY LAGOS RADIO BROADCASTS ON JULY 25 WHICH REPORTEDLY SAID ANY EXPAT REMAINING IN "BIAFRA" MUST BE CONSIDERED A

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"COLLABORATOR" ACT THAT "COLLABORATORS" DESERVE TREATMENT
SIMILAR TO THAT RESERVED FOR MERCENARIES. CONSULATE PERSONNEL
DID NOT RPT NOT HEAR BROADCAST, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WAS IN
FORM OF "NEWS TALK" FOLLOWING VOICE OF NIGERIA 1700Z AND
2100Z NEWSCASTS.

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UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL CAPABILITIES

1. FURTHER TO MY USDAO NIGERIA SECRET MESSAGES 0298 AND 0299
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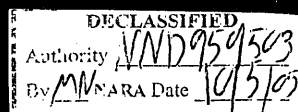
2. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE NIGERIAN NAVAL BASE APAPA LATE MORNING
24 JULY BY DAO STAFFER INDICATES ENTIRE NIGERIAN NAVY, LESS
SURVEY VESSEL NN PATHFINDER, AND DB KADUA WHICH RETURNED
FROM PATROL EARLY AM 24 JULY, ARE GONE FROM BASE AND HARBOR.

THUS, IN ADDITION TO NIGERIA, OGOJA, BENIN, ENUGU, LOKOJA, AND

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BODE THOMAS MENTIONED EARLIER REF MSGS THIS DATE. IT WOULD APPEAR
THAT TWO 112 FOOT LONG, 85 TON FAIRM LE "B" TYPE MINESWEEPING
MOOR LAUNCHES "CALABAR" AND "SAPELE", EACH MOUNTING A 20 MM
DUAL MOUNTED AA GUN, PLUS TWO SURVEY VESSELS (PENELOPE, 79 TONS,
80 FEET LONG, AND CHALLENGE
114 TONS, 110 FEET LONG, MOUNTING
ONE 40MM BOFORS AA GUN) HAVE ALSO GONE TO SEA WITH "INVASION
FLEET".

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3. QUERIES TO HARBOR MASTER SOURNES ON SPEEDS VARIOUS COMPONENTS FMG "INVASION FLEET" INDICATE THAT IF TARGET AREA CALABAR SIALING TIME FOR ELEMENT WITH LOKOJA (SPEED NINE KNOTS) WOULD REQUIRE FORTY FOUR HOURS TO REACH MOUTH CROSS RIVER. THIS WOULD PUT HIS ELEMENT THAT VICINITY APPROX 28 HOURS. THUS, THIS VESSEL COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE ON STATION APPROX 251330 LOCAL TIME JULY 67. IT WOULD APPEAR, THEREFORE, SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES PRESENT THEMSELVES WITH RESPECT POSSIBLE ROLE AND ACTIONS COMPONENT ELEMENTS "INVASION ORCE". IF INDEED, CALABAR TARGET AREA, ARRIVAL JAJA APPROX TWELVE HOURS AFTER LEAD ELEMENTS WOULD IMPLY THAT, PERHAPS,

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HER TROOP AND EQUIP ARE FOLLOW-UP ELEMENTS. ON OTHER HAND, IF JAJA HAD BEEN DETAINED LAGOS BEYOND ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME BECAUSE DISPUTE BY ENGINEERING PERSONNEL MENTIONED EARLIER
REFERENCE MESSAGES, ENTIRE TIMETABLE OF OPERATIONAL COULD BE DELAYED. OF COURSE, IF TARGET NOT CALEBAR BKAND WERE, SAY, BONNY AREA) SAME FACTORS COULD APPLY WITH EXCEPTION ANY UNFORSEEN DELAY WOULD SERVE TO DEFER FMG PLANS TO SOMEWHAT LESSER DEGREE. IN ALL OF THIS CONJECTURE, HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT FACT THAT IT REMAINS WITHIN REALM POSSIBLE THAT CONTEMPLATED FMG OPERATION WOULD HAVE TWO DISTINCT TARGETS. ONE AT BONNY AND ONE AT CALABAR.

4. AS REGARDS VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES OFFERED BY OPERATION AT BONNY AS OPPOSED CALABAR. FOLLOWING ARE FACTORS WHICH MUST HAVE BEEN AMONG THOSE CONSIDERED BY FMG PLANNERS.

A. BONNY: OPERATION AGAINST BONNY ISLAND COULD BE QUICK AND RELATIVELY CHEAP. EMBASSY OFFICE ON ITALIAN VESSEL IVONSO WHICH WENT INTO BONNY CHANNEL AND HA COURT LAST WEEK ESTIMATED
EASTERN FORCE AT BONNY NOT MORE THAN ONE COMPANY. IF BONNY WERE SEIZED A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF OIL STOCKS COULD BE IN FMG HANDS. TACTICALLY, OF COURSE, CONTROL BONNY WOULD GIVE

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PROPERLY ARMED AND DEFENDED FMG FORCE EFFECTIVE CONTROL BONNY
CHANNEL END, THUS, PORT HARCOURT. ALTHOUGH MOST PRACTICAL WAY
TO TAKE PORT HARCOURT, IF HARCOURT ITSELF WERE TARGET, WOULD
BE THROUGH OPOBO TO BORINGXBOHENCE ON TO HARCOURT. IT IS
BELIEVED BY THOSE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AREA, THE OPOBO PEOPLE
COULD BE HOSTILE TO FMG FORCES. THIS MIGHT WELL REQUIRE MUCH
LARGER INVASION FORCE THAN FMG COULD MASS THIS TIME. ONE
OTHER POSSIBILITY PRESENTS ITSELF IF HARCOURT IS TARGET AREA.
THAT IS TO MOVE TO HARCOURT THROUGH LESS HOSTILE CREEK TOWN
DEGEMA. IN THIS REGARD, HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TIME AND MAN-
POWER REQUIREMENTS, DATT WOULD TEND TO CONSIDER BONNY ITSELF
FAR MORE LIKELY TARGET THAN PORT HARCOURT IF, REPEAT IF,
OPERATION AS WHOLE ALSO ENCOMPASSES OPERATIONS AT CALABAR.
IF CALABAR AREA NOT IN OVERALL SCHEDULE THIS OPERATION, PORT
HARCOURT INDEED COULD BE ULTIMATE TARGET WITH ENTRY THERE TO
ENVISIONED FROM EITHER DEGEMA OR OPOBO AREAS.

B. CALABAR: AS CALABAR STANDS ON EASTERN SIDE CROSS RIVER,
NINTH BN, (POSSIBLY REINFORCED) WHICH PROVIDED ITS DEFENSIVE
GARRISON, IS DIVIDED BETWEEN ORON ON WESTERN SIDE AND BULK
OF BN ON EASTERN (CALABAR) SIDE. HERE HOWEVER, IT IS BELIEVED

PAGE 5 RUTALS 845CC S E C R E T
THAT APPROX ONE COMPANY OF NINTH BN IS IN VICINITY OBAN ON
CALABAR/MAMFE ROAD. AT BEST, THEREFORE, IT HARD TO GIVE MORE
THAN FIVE HUNDRED EASTERN TROOPS TO CALABAR PROPER. (ALTHOUGH
DEGREE TO WHICH AN EFFECTIVE PAR MILITARY FORCE CAN BE USED
TO SUPPLEMENT PURE MILITARY EFFORT WILL DETERMINE OVERALL
DEFENSIVE POTENTIAL EASTERN ELEMENTS AT CALABAR). WITH FMG
PRESSURE ALREADY ON IKOM TO NORTH, CAPTURE CALABAR AND IKOM
BY FMG FORCES WOULD ACCOMPLISH WHAT WAS IDENTIFIED BY SOURCES
QUOTED IN EARLIER DAO MESSAGES AS FIRST PART FMG'S DECLARED
AIM. THAT IS, FMG POLITICAL CONTROL ENTIRE SOUTH EASTERN
STATE. IN SUCH POSITION, FMG FORCES WOULD HAVE CAMEROONS
AT THEIR BACK AND WIDE WATER BARRIER CROSS RIVER BETWEEN THEM
AND EASTERN FORCES, IN SUCH A POSITION, THEIR NEXT STEPS

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COULD BE MOST CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND EXECUTED AS BULK OF PRESSURE FOR POTENTIAL RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA COULD LOGICALLY BE EXPECTED TO BE OFF.

5. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO NOW AVAILABLE ON KING JAJA. VESSEL STARTED LOADING MILITARY STORES AND EQUIPMENT APAPA ON 18 JULY. SHE IS HEAVILY LADEN WITH CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY ARMS, AMMO, PETROL AND LARGE VARIETY VARIOUS TYPES FIBERGLASS BOATS.

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CARGO ALSO INCLUDED SEVERAL THOUSAND OF APPROX 7500 LIFE JACKETS LONATLY ORDERED RECENT PAST. APPROX ONE BN INFANTRY, APPROX 850 MEN, WENT ABOARD AFTER DARK 23 JULY.

6. OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS, BOUY TENDER ROLE THOMAS HAD BOFORS 40MM GUN MOUNTED FORWARD ON HER DECK. A NAVAL NAVIGATOR WAS ALSO ADDED TO HER CREW.

7. DETAILED CHECKING DAO STAFFERS LEADS TO BELIEF THAT AMONG ELEMENTS ON "INVASION FLEET" ARE BOTH SIXTH AND SEVENTH BATTALION FROM IKEJA. THIS CANTONMENT AREA SEALED OFF TIGHT AS OF LAST NIGHT AND NO VISITORS PERMITTED. ALL ATTEMPTS REACH EITHER BN COMMANDER, OR LTC ADKUNLE, MET WITH VAGUE RESPONSES THEY AT MEETING AND WILL PERHAPS BE AVAILABLE IN SEVERAL DAYS.

8. NEW SUBJECT: INDICATIONS ARE THAT ON NORTHERN FRONT FMG HAS OR IS ABOUT TO OPEN THIRD TACTICAL SECTOR. STRONG INDICATIONS ARE THIS SECTOR WILL BE SOUTH IGUALA ENCLAVE INTO EASTERN TERRITORY AND THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE COMMANDED BY YORUBA LTC EMMANUEL SOTOMI. YORUBA OFFICERS HAVE SO INDICATED TO DATT AND ARE VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT. THEY REASON THAT YORUBAS MUST GET INTO ACT BEFORE IT TOO LATE SO AS TO PRECLUDE NORTHERN CRIES AFTER CAMPAIGN THAT ONLY NORTH DID FIGHTING FOR FEDERATION. GP-3.

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1. UPI reported late July 25 that Nigerian Radio broadcast had stated whites found by FMG troops in rebellious East would be treated as QTE collaborators and mercenaries UNQTE. Broadcast also indicated four whites had been captured and QTE probably some already have been killed UNQTE. July 26 NY Times and Washington Post carry w story.
2. Request confirmation and comments re reported broadcast. If true, you authorized lodge vigorous protest at highest appropriate level FMG.
3. Assume UKHICOM and other members Dipcorps with nationals in East will wish take parallel action.

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1. Would hope prohibition of movements between Mid-West and Eastern states would not be applied to non-Nigerians who might attempt to leave East. Rely on Embassy's judgment re advisability of subject being raised with FMG or Mid-West authorities. Any further information on this subject would be useful.

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SUBJECT: FACTORS BEARING ON CURRENT FBG/EASTERN MIL CONFRONTATION.
DIA FOR DIACG. CINCSSTRIKE FOR STRJ24C. DA FOR ACSII. LONDON FOR
DAO AND POL.

1. DATT HAS FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF FACT BRIGADIER BABAFEMI
O. OGUNDIPE, NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER LONDON, WAS IN LAGOS
FOR VERY BRIEF CONSULTATIONS 24 AND 25 JULY. DATT SAW OGUNDIPE
LEAVE LAGOS AIRPORT APPROX 2010 HOURS LOCAL TIME 25 JULY IN

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COMPANXOLTC C.O. ROTIMI, QMG, NIGERIAN ARMY WHO DATT KNEW WAS
GOING TO LONDON FOR PERIOD APPROX ONE WEEK "ON MIL EQUIP
PURCHASING MISSION". AFTER OGUNDIPE'S DEPARTURE DATT TALKED
BRIEFLY WITH MAJOR I.A. AKINRINADE, AG, HQ NIGERIAN ARMY, WFO
WAS IN GROUP SEEING OGUNDIPE OFF. AKINRINADE TOLD DATT THAT
OGUNDIPE HAD FLOWN IN LATE 24 JULY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH
OGWON AND THAT HE WAS ON WAY BACK. FLITE DUE ARRIVE LONDON
APPROX 0800 LONDON TIME 26 JULY.

2. ON MORNING 26 JULY U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR WAS NOT AWARE OF

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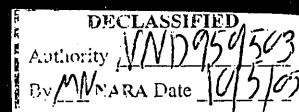
FACT OGUNDIPE WAS IN TOWN SO MATTER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO UK HIGH COMMISSION HERE.

36 SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES EXIST, OF COURSE, FOR OGUNDIPE VISIT THIS TIME. AMONG OTHER THINGS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED HOWEVER, ARE ITEMS OF MIL EQUIPMENT FOR NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES TO BE SUPPLIED BY HMG. REASON FOR THIS SPECULATION IS FACT THAT ON LATE AFTERNOON 24 JULY, MR. T. OMO BARE DEP IG, THE NIGERIA POLICE, TOLD DATT HE HAD RETURNED FROM "MIL EQUIP PURCHASING MISSION TO LONDON" ATE ON 22 JULY. WHEN QUERIED ON SUCCESS HIS MISSION, SOURCE SAID "I DID ALRIGHT". SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, "I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TELL YOU FIRM UNTIL

PAGE 3 RUTALS 91000 S E C R E T
WEDNESDAY (26 JULY) WHAT I ACTUALLY DID GET BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL LAST MINUTE DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT. SOURCE DID SAY, HOWEVER, "I ONLY WISH THAT I HAD GONE EARLIER FOR I HAD MUCH BETTER SUCCESS THAN I IMAGINED I WOULD HAVE HAD". FOR THESE REASONS, DESPITE FACT UK DEF ADVISOR APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF VISIT, IDEA THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS OF IMPORTANCE, OGUNDIPE BROUGHT WORD ON SENSITIVE MATTER U.K. SUPPLY OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES MUST NOT BE RULED OUT.
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In the enclosed article from the July 24 Guardian, Walter Schwarz concludes that a military stalemate in Nigeria brings the prospect of a long war and possible eventual foreign intervention.

To date both sides in the conflict have seriously miscalculated the tenacity of the other, the author asserts. The Federal Government wrongly forecast the fall of Enugu "in a few hours." But the Biafran leaders failed to realize that the East's secession would strengthen, rather than weaken the Federal regime.

The Federal Government may decide to solicit foreign assistance to crush Biafra or simply attempt to maintain the Federation without the Eastern region. In any case, Schwarz concludes it will be a long time before stability is re-established in Nigeria.

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GUARDIAN, JULY 24, 1967

Nigerian stalemate brings the prospect of a long war

By WALTER SCHWARZ

FIERCE fighting throughout the weekend in both sectors of the Nigerian war has still failed to bring either side within sight of victory.

The federal side has reinforced its disputed claim to control the university town of Nsukka by showing television films of it. But this does not dispose of strong Biafran claims to have cut off two federal battalions in this sector from the rear. The captured commander and a company commander of one of these battalions have been interviewed by foreign correspondents in Enugu prison.

From the Ogoja sector, federal forces claim to be pushing out in two directions—directly westwards towards Enugu itself and southwards towards the non-Ibo minority areas of Calabar and Rivers. On Saturday a small force was said to have reached Nkalagu, only 25 miles east of Enugu. Yesterday a federal spokesman in Lagos said the two armies were fighting for control of the town of Ikom, a strategic centre commanding the new road to Calabar, 90 miles east-south-east of Enugu.

Hopes dashed

The television films of Nsukka, shown in Lagos, depicted deserted streets, shut shops, and 14 university buildings with shattered windows and shell holes in the walls.

In Enugu life goes on normally, in spite of Federal claims to have strafed targets there from the air. All major roads remain open. Biafran sources claim that none of four Federal battalions sent to relieve their encircled colleagues in the Nsukka sector have managed to break through.

As the pessimists predicted all along, the brighter hopes of both sides in the Nigerian dispute have been dashed and few people are now confident that the war can solve the problem.

On the Federal side, the war has been seen as a "police action" against a rebel clique. Colonel Hassan Katsina, head of the administration in the Northern states, predicted publicly at the outset that Enugu would fall "in a few hours." In fact most Northerners were convinced, on the strength of what happened during the massacre of Ibo civilians last year, that "the Ibos cannot fight: they will run away."

After the outbreak of war

General Gowon spoke contemptuously in a broadcast of Ojukwu's "army of pen-pushers"—a reference to the preponderance of technicians and the lack of infantrymen in the Ibo sections of the old Nigerian Army.

The central Federal hope was the assumption that Biafra lacked unity. Apart from the five million non-Ibo minorities, assumed to resent enforced membership of a breakaway Ibo State, the businesslike Ibos themselves were thought to have severe doubts about a regime which cut them off from their traditional markets. These hopes have all been disappointed. After 17 days of fighting there is still no sign of a determined thrust for Enugu.

My own experience in Biafra—I was held for 13 days as a suspect and then deported—could hardly have given me a more jaundiced view. But I was impressed by the alertness and solidarity of every Ibo I met—even those in detention. I did, however, meet no non-Ibo Biafrans.

I was driven through dozens of roadblocks at night and in the small hours of the morning. No one was dozy or apathetic. Rightly or wrongly, every Ibo I spoke to saw the war as a fight for physical survival.

Disappointment

Calculations on the Biafran side have, however, been equally badly upset. The biggest disappointment was that the East's secession, far from causing the Federal regime to disintegrate, greatly strengthened its unity.

A month earlier Chief Awolowo, the Yoruba leader, had said that if the East seceded the West would follow suit. But, largely through Colonel Ojukwu's own transience, the Yorubas were alienated. The West did not secede after all, and Chief Awolowo himself now holds high office in General Gowon's regime.

After a period in which Biafra made all the running, getting most of the world's sympathy, the Federal Government summoned up new reserves of energy. Its able civil servants emerged from years of somnolent anonymity, personally briefed the world's press on the Federal

case, and stirred the populace with such slogans as: "To keep Nigeria one is a job that must be done."

The dramatic splitting-up of the monolithic North into six autonomous States destroyed at one blow Colonel Ojukwu's strongest argument—that Nigeria must necessarily be dominated by the North. General Gowon himself, nervous, too pacific, and obviously reluctant to hold office, has grown into a war leader of transparent sincerity and determination.

No recognition

The bitterest Biafran disappointment is the regime's failure, after six weeks of independence, to be recognised by a single foreign Power. For this the Federal Government can also claim most of the credit: its all-out diplomatic and publicity campaign, only just forestalled recognition of Biafra by several East African Governments last month.

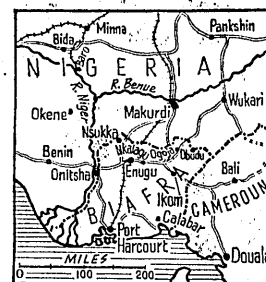
The absence of foreign recognition has given teeth to the Federal blockade of Biafran ports. This is not yet causing a major food shortage but it is strangling industry, cutting Biafra off from all normal means of communications, and presumably gravely threatening supplies.

Both sides now know that it will be a long war—disastrous for Nigeria's already hard-hit economy and, in the end, hardly likely to realise its objectives. Nigeria's foreign reserves are already 30 per cent below normal and continue to dwindle rapidly, and a balance of payments crisis also looms up.

What can the war achieve? "Even if we win," I heard a Lagosian wondering aloud last week after yet another act of sabotage in the capital, "can we ever again trust an Ibo to run the water works or the electricity supply?"

On the other side of the fence, the Ibos see the war in purely tribal terms. "The Hausas murdered us last year and now they are coming to finish us off in our homes. We have nowhere to run to," I heard this said over and over again.

Can the war be stopped? Out-



side initiative to do this may be the only hope of avoiding what the then President Azikiwe warned of two years ago—chaos "worse than the Congo." There is no overt sign yet of any such initiative. But if the Federal side begins to face the possibility of a stalemate it may abandon its present insistence that the war is purely a domestic matter—a police action—and come to accept outside help.

Unfortunately, the two opposing regimes have moved to positions where useful negotiation between them is hard to imagine. Ojukwu's unflinching stand in favour of a "moving apart" or a "loose association" between the old regions is now scarcely relevant, as the old regions have been formally abolished and replaced by 12 small States. A regime of 12 States presupposes just the sort of strong Federal centre which Ojukwu has consistently rejected because of his conviction that the North would dominate it.

Without oil

If it fails to crush Biafra, the Federation may yet survive, on the basis of the remaining nine States. Most of the Yorubas are opposed to such an outcome: it would mean that they would carry the burden of developing the vast, backward North alone, without even the benefit of Biafra's oil.

However, deep political divisions within the West and its almost complete lack of military power may force the West to acquiesce in such an arrangement, but such acquiescence would be reluctant and would carry no promise of stability. Whatever happens, the stability that Nigeria seemed to enjoy after independence will be hard to recover for a long time.

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SUBJECT: EVACUATION FROM PORT HARCOURT

11 JULY 25, WHEN FIRST REPORTS OF GUNFIRE AT BONNY RELAYED BY PORT HARCOURT TO LAGOS, REPS SEVERAL OIL COMPANIES VISITED EMBASSY TO DISCUSS WITH DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR EFFECT OF ACTION AT BONNY ON EVACUATION COMPANY EMPLOYEES REMAINING IN PORT HARCOURT. EVIDENT THAT MIL ACTION IN AREA THEY HAD PERSISTED IN ASSUMING SAFE, HAS SHARPLY CHANGED ATTITUDE THESE MEN TOWARD EVACUATION. FORMER ATTITUDE OF POLITE INTEREST IN OUR ADVICE ON E&E BUT

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FEELING THAT PROBLEM DID NOT YET CONCERN THEM HAS NOW GIVEN WAY TO URGENT CONCERN FOR OWN WELL BEING. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME COMPANY REPS UNWILLING ACCEPT ORIGINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISION TO REMAIN. IN PARTICULAR, AMOSEAS MANAGER RESIDENT PORT HARCOURT COMPLAINED HIS COMPANY NEVER OFFICIALLY "INSTRUCTED" LEAVE EAST. WE NOTED THAT AMOSEAS LAGOS REP HAD ATTENDED ALL MEETING IN LAGOS ON SUBJECT EVACUATION, AND THEREFORE HAD REPEATEDLY BEEN INFORMED A) THAT U.S. ORDERING GOVY EMPLOYEES, EXCEPT FOR SMALL CADRE REMAINING ENUGU CONSULATE, OUT EAST, B) THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT TELL PRIVATE COMPANIES WHAT TO DO, BUT C) EMBASSY HOPED COMPANIES WOULD BE GUIDED BY OUR EXAMPLE AND EVACUATE ALL EXCEPT

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ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WHO WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON COMPANY'S OWN INTEGRAL TRANSPORTATION OR OTHER EMERGENCY FACILITIES. POINTED OUT THAT ISONZO WIDELY PUBLICIZED AS ONLY EVACUATION SHIP AND THAT EVACUATION COMMITTEE KNEW IT COULD CARRY 1,000 COMFORTABLY AND MANY MORE UNDER SOMEWHAT CROWDED CONDITIONS. IN FACT ISONZO EVACUATED ONLY 587.

2) SUBSEQUENTLY HEARD FROM MOBIL AND SHELL-BP REPS THAT MAJOR

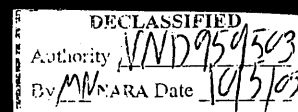
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FACTOR WHICH HAS CHANGED ATTITUDE OF OIL COMPANY REPS PORT HARCOURT IS REALIZATION THAT EASTERN OFFICIALS MAY NOT ALLOW THEM TO USE SERVICE BOATS FOR EVACUATION AND THAT SERVICE BOATS VULNERABLE TO AIR ATTACK. TWO BOATS UNDER CONTRACT TO SHELL-BP WHICH COMPANY RELYING ON FOR EVACUATION IN EMERGENCY, STRAFED BY EASTERN B-26 JULY 25 FEW MILES DOWN RIVER FROM PORT HARCOURT. ALTHOUGH NO ONE HURT, AND BOATS NOT PERMANENTLY DAMAGED, VERSATILITY OF SERVICE BOATS FOR EVACUATION SHOWN TO BE LESS THAN ASSUMED.

3) EASTERN SECURITY OFFICIALS PREVENTED CONTACT BETWEEN REPS LAGOS EMBASSIES ABOARD ISONZO, AND EVACUATION COMMITTEE PORT HARCOURT. THUS, DIFFICULT FOR US TO JUDGE URGENCY WITH WHICH COMMITTEE SOUGHT EVACUATE PORT HARCOURT RESIDENTS. COMMITTEE DID FINE JOB OF PROCESSING AND ASSISTING UP COUNTRY RESIDENTS TO LEAVE, BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT MANY PORT HARCOURT RESIDENTS FAILED TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ISONZO (DUE TO A) FEELING THAT "IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE," B) DISINCLINATION SPEND POTENTIALLY UNCOMFORTABLE NIGHT ON CROWDED FREIGHTER AND C) BELIEF THAT WORK BOATS COULD ALWAYS GET COMPANY EMPLOYEES OUT IN LAST RESORT. FOREGOING BORNE OUT BY REPORT FROM REP ANOTHER

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AMERICAN OIL COMPANY THAT AFTER CONVERSATION WITH US CITED PARA 1, AMOSEAS MANAGER HAD TOLD HIM OVER DRINKS THAT PORT HARCOURT COMMITTEE, OF WHICH HE MEMBER, HAD DECIDED NOT PUT PORT HARCOURT EVACUEES ON ISONZO BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED WET

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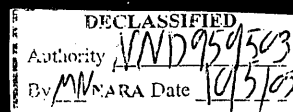
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NIGHT ON ISONZO'S DECK WOULD BE UNCOMFORTABLE AND UNDESIRABLE.

41 AS RESULT ISONZO WAS UNDERUTILIZED, AND SOME COMPANY REPS
WHO NOW HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS, ARE INFERRING THAT THEY NEVER
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FYI ESSO COURIER, BEATEN IN BENIN FOR ATTEMPTING CARRY COMPANY
MAIL TO ASABA FOR EAST, IS NIGERIAN AND NOT RPT NOT AMERICAN.
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EMBASSY INFORMED BY MAGCOBAR REPS THEIR PORT HARCOURT
OFFICE ADVISED BY EASTERN OFFICIALS NOT TO COMMUNICATE WITH
LAGOS BY VOICE RADIO. THEY HAVE THUS NOT BEEN ABLE TO
COMMUNICATE BY VOICE WITH PORT HARCOURT
T SINCE 10 A.M.
THIS MORNING. LAST REPORT RECEIVED BY OIL REPS HERE
FROM THE REPORT HARCOURT REPS IS THAT THEY MAY NOT HAVE

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ACCESS TO THEIR WORK BOATS FOR EVACUATION PURPOSES. CAN
YOU ASCERTAIN WHETHER EAST HAS SEIZED THESE BOATS FOR
THEIR OWN USE?
GPBAEM MATHEWS

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JOINT EMB-USIS MESSAGE.

REF: LAGOS 797 *the*

1. NIGERIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 25 TO RELEASE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONCERNING US POSITION ON NIGERIAN CONFLICT. MIN TRADE OKOI ARIKPO REPRESENTED FMG.

2. BACKGROUND EXCHANGE, NCHAMBER PRES HENRY FAJEMIROKUN EXPLAINED GROUP STRONGLY SUPPORTED FMG, HAD BEEN DISTURBED BY RUMORS OF USG SUPPORT TO REBEL REGIME AND CONTACTED EMOFFS FOR CLARIFICATION. CHAMBER FELT US EXPLAINED FACTS CANDIDLY AND LETTER FROM AMB MAKES US STAND CLEAR.

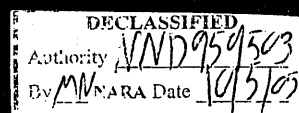
3. ARIKPO REPLIED GEN. GOWON GRATIFIED TO LEARN OF THE STAND TAKEN BY THE CHAMBER, AND ACCEPTS ASSURANCES

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OF POSITION OF USG. ARIKPO THEN WENT ON TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THERE HAVE BEEN MISGIVINGS IN NIGERIA ABOUT AMERICAN ATTITUDES. AMERICAN PRESS HAS BEEN LESS THAN FAIR DUE PERHAPS TO DISTANCE AND EARLY PROPAGANDA SUCCESSES OF EAST. THIS MISREPORTING MAKES IT NATURAL FOR SOME TO THINK IT REPRESENTS THOUGHT OF USG. NIGERIANS DISTRESSED THAT US DOES NOT DRAW CLOSE PARALLEL OF PRESENT CRISIS WITH THEIR OWN CIVIL WAR.

B. FMG MAY NOT HAVE ARGUED CASE EARLY ENOUGH OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. WE NOW TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, AND EXPECT PEOPLE OF U S WILL TREAT FMG MORE FAIRLY. WE SEEK NO MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

C. THIS IS POLICE ACTION AGAINST MISGUIDED REBELLION, BUT EASTERN PEOPLE OUR BROTHERS. AS SOON AS MILITARY

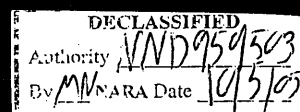
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ACTION ENDS, STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO CONCILIATE THE IBO PEOPLE, AND THEY WILL BE URGED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NIGERIA. THE FMG BELIEVES, AS DOES THE CHAMBER, THAT FOR US BUSINESSMEN THE LARGE MARKET NEEDED FOR GROWTH CAN COME ONLY UNITY.

D. IF THIS FIGHT FOR NIGERIAN UNITY FAILS, THE WHOLE OF AFRICA WILL FAIL. WE ARE CONSCIOUS THAT THIS STRUGGLE IS FOR ALL OF THE CONTINENT.
MATHEWS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 908

L. X AWOLowo DISCUSSED HIS VIEWS ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MEASURES TO RESTORE NIGERIAN UNITY IN RELAXED, HOUR LONG PRIVATE TALK JULY 21. HE STRESSED THAT CRUX OF PROBLEM WAS TO REASSURE IBOS THAT THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY OTHER NIGERIANS AS FULL PARTICIPANTS IN LIFE OF NEW NIGERIA WHICH WOULD EMERGE AFTER POLICE ACTION. WHILE OJUKWU AND HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATES WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER FOR THEIR

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TREASONABLE ACTS, THERE SHOULD BE NO PERSECUTION OR VICTIMIZATION OF IBOS IN GENERAL. AWO DEEPLY REGRETTED THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO RESORT TO POLICE ACT ON WHICH HE HOPED COULD BE BROUGHT TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WITHOUT DEEP PENETRATION INTO IBOLAND. IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO ENCOURAGE IBO LEADERS NOW SUBMERGED TO COME FORWARD AND ESTABLISH NEW GOVERNMENT OF EAST CENTRAL STATE

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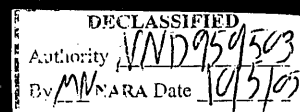
WHICH WOULD WORK WITH REST OF COUNTRY. IBOSDX
WOULD NEVER ACCEPT STATUS OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY
GOVERNED BY NON-IBOS AND ATTEMPT IMPOSE SUCH STATUS
WOULD RESULT IN PROLONGED GUERRILLA WARFARE.
2. AWO HAD BEEN GIVING MUCH THOUGHT TO STEPS THAT
COULD BE TAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE TO BEGIN PROCESS OF
REASSURING IBOS. HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO GOWON EARLY
ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON RESETTLEMENT AND
COMPENSATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
RESETTLEMENT MUST INCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE IBOS
WHO SO DESIRED TO RETURN TO THEIR ABANDONED HOMES,
PROPERTIES AND BUSINESSES OUTSIDE ISOLAND. EXCEPT
FOR HARD CORE OF TRAITORS, IBOS WHO HAD LEFT POSTS IN

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FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE AND STATUTORY CORPORATIONS SHOULD
BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO RETURN TO FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.
HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PREVENT
IBOS FROM OBTAINING FORMER POSITION OF DOMINANCE IN SOME
MINISTRIES AND CORPORATIONS.
3. THXO HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED TO GOWON EARLY ESTABLISHING
OF ANOTHER COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR DEMOBILIZATION AND
REABSORPTION INTO CIVILIAN LIFE OF EXCESS TROOPS RECRUITED
BY FMG AND OJUKWU REGIME. HE SAID NIGERIA COULD NOT
AFFORD TO MAINTAIN ARMY OF SIZE PRESENT COMBINED FMG
AND EASTERN FORCES. IF EXCESS TROOPS WERE SIMPLY DIS-
CHARGED, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD PROBABLY TURN TO ARMED
ROBBERY AS OCCUPATION. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE NECESSARY
TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY OF ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND
INDUCEMENTS TO SURRENDER ARMS.
4. AWO HAD HIMSELF BEEN GIVING MUCH THOUGHT TO OLD
PROBLEM OF REVENUE ALLOCATION WHICH HAD BEEN POLITICAL
FOOTBALL AND CAUSE OF MUCH DISCUSSION. HE WAS INCLINING
TO VIEW THAT MORE REVENUE SHOULD GO DIRECT TO STATES AND
LESS BE DISTRIBUTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. UNHNTED A
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EXAMPLE THAT STATES PRODUCING CRUDE OIL SHOULD RECEIVE

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ALL OR PRACTICALLY ALL OF RENTS AND ROYALTIES. EXPORT TAXES, EXCISE TAXES AND CUSTOMS DUTIES SHOULD ALSO GO TO STATES. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HE OPINED SHOULD DEPEND PRIMARILY FOR ITS REVENUE ON INCOME TAX INCLUDING COMPANY TAX. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED INCOME TAX FROM CRUDE OIL PRODUCERS AS IMPORTANT AND INCREASING SOURCE OF REMENUE FOR CENTER. HE PLANS SET UP STUDY GROUP TO PURSUE THIS. 7. IN DISCUSSING REVENUE ALLOCATION PROBLEM, AWO MADE INTERESTING COMMENTS ON NEW STATES. HE STRONGLY DISSENTED FROM THOSE WHO CHARACTERIZED NEW STATES AS BABIES THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVED ALL STATES SHOULD SUPPORT THEMSELVES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT MUCH COULD BE DONE TO RAISE NECESSARY REVENUES MERELY BY IMPROVING TAX COLLECTION. HIS INVESTIGATIONS INDICATED THAT IN HIS OWN WESTERN STATE ONLY SOME FIFTY PERCENT OF THOSE LIABLE FOR TAX PAID. SITUATION MUST BE EVEN WORSE ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY. 8. AWO DWELT ON IMPORTANCE TO AFRICA OF NIGERIA REMAINING

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UNITED. AS UNITED COUNTRY NIGERIA COULD ASSIST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ALL WEST AFRICA. AWO SAID NEIGHBORS HAD IN PAST BEEN LOATH TO DRAW TOO CLOSE TO NIGERIA BECAUSE OF NORTHERN DOMINATION. NOW THAT NORTH HAD BEEN DIVIDED INTO SIX STATES, THESE FEARS WOULD DISAPPEAR, AND PROSPECTS FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD BE MUCH IMPROVED. 9. AWO COMMENTED THAT PRESENT CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH MILITARY WAS NEW TO HIM. HE WAS SURPRISED TO FIND MILITARY MEN VERY GULLIBLE. HE CITED ADEBAYO'S PANIC SOME WEEKS AGO WHEN HE RECEIVED REPORTS OF NORTHERN CONSPIRACY TO KILL YORUBA LEADERS. AWO COULD NEVER GET ANY HARD EVIDENCE OR CONSPIRACY FROM ADEBAYO. IN CONSEQUENCE, WHITE ADEBAYO HID OUT TEN CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS, AWO REFUSED TO LEAVE HIS OWN HOUSE. AWO ALSO CITED FMG PSYCHIC STATEMENTS ABOUT FIGHTING IN EAST, MANY OF WHICH WERE PATENTLY RIDICULOUS. THESE

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CRITICAL COMMENTS WERE MADE IN TONES OF EXASPERATED BUT INDULGENT UNCLE.

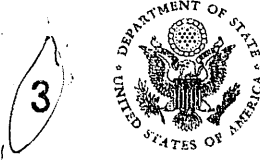
10. I TOOK OCCASION TO COMMENT THAT I WAS SORRY THAT IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO WITHDRAW AID TECHNICIANS AND PCVS

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FROM EAST AS THIS WOULD DAMAGE IMAGE OF ALY NIGERIA IN US. I CITED PROBABLE IMPACT ON CONGRESS WHICH ALREADY UNEASY ABOUT CONGO SITUATION. I EMPHASIZED THAT EMBASSY AND FMG MUST WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT INCIDENTS ANYWHERE IN NIGERIA THAT COULD CREATE REACTION IN US LEADING TO DEMANDS FOR REMOVAL AMBTS FROM OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY. I DEPLORED RECENT FMG ANTI-US PRESS AND RADIO CAMPAIGN WHICH MIGHT INCITE INCIDENTS. AWO DID NOT DENY FMG INSPIRATION OF CAMPAIGN, AGREED IT HAD GONE TOO FAR AND SAID IT COMING TO END.
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10 MILITARY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO REPORTS OF INFANTRY
CONTACT. ENUGU RADIO REPORTING THAT ON JULY 24 "BIAFRAN AIR
FORCE" CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN NORTHERN NIGERIA: IDAH (7.07N - 6.43E), ADORU (6.59N - 7.08E).

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IGUMALE (6.48N - 7.57E) AND AGALA (6.37N - 7.53E). THESE REPORTS, WHICH SUBSTANTIATED IN CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF SECRETARY N.O. AKPAN, CLAIM NUMEROUS FIRES WERE STARTED AND THAT LANDING AND STORAGE FACILITIES AT IDAH WERE DESTROYED. (THERE HAVE BEEN UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT "BIAFRA" HAS DEVELOPED A HOMEMADE ANTI-PERSONNEL INCENDIARY BOMB SIMILAR TO NAPALM.)

2. NAVAL. RUMOR IS CIRCULATING IN PORT HARCOURT THAT SOME TYPE OF NAVAL ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED TODAY OFF BONNY. NO CONFIRMATION YET AVAILABLE.

3. OTHER. ENUGU CALM. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. UNDERSTAND BBC CORRESPONDENT TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH FRIENDS AT NKALAGU AND IKOM, CONFIRMED BOTH TOWNS STILL "BIAFRAN". PORT HARCOURT

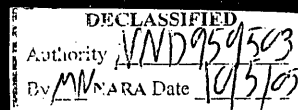
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QUIET ALTHOUGH SOME EXPATS BEING AGITATED BY RUMOR THAT USG ABOUT TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT MAY LEAD TO ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS IN "BIAFRA".

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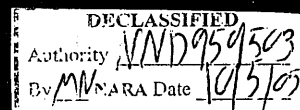
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1. GOVERNMENT HOUSE BENIN ANNOUNCED JULY 24 THAT "ALL
MOVEMENTS BETWEEN MID-WEST STATE AND EASTERN STATES HAVE
BEEN PROHIBITED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE," ACCORDING DAILY
TIMES JULY 25. TELEPHONE CHECK WITH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES
IN ASABA ON MID-WEST SIDE NIGER AT ONITSHA INDICATED JULY
25 THAT RIVER TRAFFIC STILL CROSSING TODAY BUT TRAFFIC
EXPECTED TO BE BLOCKED JULY 26.

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2. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORTED FMG STATEMENT THAT INDIVIDUALS AND FOREIGN FIRMS HAVE ORGANIZED INTO "SYNDICATES" TO TRANSFER MAIL BETWEEN THREE EASTERN STATES AND REST OF NIGERIA. STATEMENT SAID FMG "WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THIS SITUATION" AND "IRREGULAR EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH EAST WILL CEASE FORTHWITH." NO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF MAIL SUSPENSION ORDER WERE REPORTED.
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E-4 SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION, CIA FOR DIACO,

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COM-3 1. NEWS FROM OFFICIAL FMG SOURCES OR CONTRACTS WITH RESPECT

INT-1 INITIATION OR PROGRESS ANY TYPE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN COR

ESB-1 AREAS EASTERN NIGERIA TOTALLY ABSENT. IT IS QUITE APPARENT,

RALE HOWEVER, VIRTUALLY ALL CONCERNED IN ANY WAY WITH CONDUCT FMG

75 MIL OPS AGAINST EAST HAVE THEIR FULL ATTENTION DEVOTED TO

DEVELOPING OPERATIONS WHICH, FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES WITH RADIO

CONTACT IN AREA, WE BELIEVE WERE INITIATED MORNING 25 JULY IN

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VICINITY BONNY ISLAND AT ENTRANCE BONNY RIVER WHICH LEADS TO
PORT HARCOURT. THESE COMMERCIAL SOURCES HAVE REPORTED
NAVAL VESSELS (PRESUMABLY NIGERIAN NAVY) FIRING AT TARGETS
VICINITY BONNY TOWN ON BONNY ISLAND. NO INFORMATION CURRENTLY
AVAILABLE ON TROOP LANDINGS, IF ANY HAVE BEEN MADE, TOO EARLY
IN GAME, ESPECIALLY WITH ONLY FRAGMENTARY EVIDENCE TO GO ON,
TO GET INVOLVED PREDICTIONS LIKELY TARGETS OVERALL OPERATIONS
COR AREAS, BUT AT VERY LEAST WE KNOW THAT BONNY ISLAND INVOLVED
EARLY IN GAME.

2. BECAUSE OF CONCENTRATION ON REPORTED BONNY OPERATION, FMG
SOURCES NOT PARTICULARLY FORTHCOMING ON OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE
IN EASTERN REGION. FROM GENERAL TIE IS DISCUSSED, HOWEVER, FMG
LINE HAS NOT CHANGED. THEY CONTROL NUSKKA AREA, ARE IMOPPING
UP ON OGOJA PROVINCE, AND BELIEVE THEY HAVE "SITUATION AT IKOM
UNDER CONTROL". WITH RESPECT NSUKKA AREA, FMG SOURCES ADMITTED
ONE COMPANY AND PORTION TAC HQ THIRD BN FROM IBADAN RECENTLY
ARRIVED NSUKKA FRONT WAS "CHEWED UP" BY EASTERN FORCE ON 23
24 JULY. ACTION, AS BEST CAN BE DETERMINED, MOST PROBABLY
OCCURED ON ROAD LEADING SOUTH EAST FROM BOLO 1 EAST OF NSUKKA
ON ROUTE THREE) THROUGH EHA AMUFU (ON RAIL LINE FROM OTURKRO

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TO ENUGU) TO ROUTE ELEVEN (ENUGU TO ABAKALIKI). BELIEF IS
THAT THIRD BN ELEMENT CONCERNED, NEW TO FIGHTING, RAN INTO
AMBUSH AND TOOK HEAVY BEATING. FMG SOURCES ADMIT THIS WITHOUT
UNDUE PRESSING BUT CLAIM THAT EVENTUALLY SITUATION RESTORED
WHEN TWENTY SECOND FMG BN ALSO OPERATIONAL THIS FRONT, DROVE
OFF EASTERN UNIT INVOLVED.

3. A. OBSERVATIONS OF US EMBASSY OFFICER ON ITALIAN VESSEL
IVONSO ON RECENT TRIP TO HARCOURT ESPECIALLY INTERESTING THIS
TIME. WHEN VESSEL AFTER PASSING THROUGH BONNY CHANNEL ON
20 JULY, MOVED ADJACENT TO BONNY TOWN ON BONNY ISLAND, SMALL
DETACHMENT EASTERN TROOPS UNDER YOUNG FIRST LT CAME ON BOARD.
ALL TROOPS CARRYING WEAPON WHICH WE ACCEPT AS CZECH MAUSER
TYPE RIFLE. EACH WEAPON HAD BAYONET AFFIXED THERETO. EMBASSY
OFFICER WAS OF OPINION THAT TROOPS AT BONNY NUMBERED APPROX
ONE COMPANY. HE SAW NO DEFENSIVE EMPLACEMENTS ANY INATURE IN
THAT AREA. OFFICER, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT COMMUNICATION VIA
RADION WITH PORT HARCOURT VERY GOOD.

B. UPON ARRIVAL PORT HARCOURT PROPER, OFFICER OBSERVED
NUMBER OTHER TROOPS IN VICINITY DOCK. SOME OF THESE DRILLING
AND CARRYING ON OTHER SIMILAR MIL ACTIVITIES. OFFICER IMPRES-
SION WAS THAT TROOPS "GREEN AND SLOPPY".

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C. OFFICER NOTED THAT BNS BIAFRA (EX-NNS IBADAN) DCKED PORT
HARCOURT-PROPER.

4. ALONG SAME LINE AS INFO REPORTED PAR 13, AMERICAN OIL
COMPANY SOURCE WHO WAS IN PORT HARCOURT AREA AS LATE AS SUNDAY
23 JULY, TOLD ECON COUNSELLOR EMBASSY ON 25 JULY THAT OVER
PERIOD LAST SEVERAL WEEKS EASTERN ARMY GARRISON PORT HARCOURT
HAD BEEN SHARPLY REDUCED. BELIEF IN AREA WAS THAT BULK EX-
PERIENCED TROOPS FROM AREA "HAD BEEN SENT INORTH TO FIGHTING
FRONT". SOURCE WAS OF IMPRESSION THAT WHAT WAS LEFT IN WAY
MILITARY AT HARCOURT WAS "MUCH YOUNGER AND MUCH GREENER" THAN
TROOPS WHICH HAD "LEFT FOR NORTH". THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE AT
LEAST PARTIAL CONFIRMATION BELIEF HELD HERE THAT AS PRESSURE
CONTINUED ON NSUKKA AND OGOJA FRONTS, OJUKWU HAD BEEN FORCED
CALL EIGHT BN, FORMERLY STATIONED HARCOURT, TO INSUKKA FRONT.
DATT HAS REPORTED EIGHT BN HEAVILY MAULED AT INSUKKA FRONT
ACCORDING FMG SOURCES).

5. ON 24 JULY AMERICAN OIL COMPANY SOURCE, (OF KNOWN RELIABILITY),
TOLD DATT THAT ON SUNDAY 23 JULY HE HAD SEEN TOTAL THIRTY WHII
VINTAGE GMC 2 1/2 TON, 6X6, TRUCKS ON DOCKS AT SANTA ISABEL
FERNADO POO. TRUCKS HAD ALL BEEN REPAINTED OLIVE DRAB FROM

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STEM TO STERN AND NO U.S. MARKING APPEARED THEREON. ALL TRUCKS
FITTED OPERATIONAL BLACKOUT LIGHT SHIELDS OVER REGULAR HEAD-
LIGHTS. SIX OF VEHICLES WERE CLOSED CAB MODELS; BALANCE WERE
OPEN CAB, CANVAS TOP AFFAIRS. ALL TRUCKS HAD INEW "KOMET" REPEAT
"KOMET" 6 VOLT BATTERIES AS PART OF EQUIPMENT. SOURCE WAS TOLD
THAT SOME OF VEHICLES HAD COME IN ON VESSEL CALLED CONGOKUST
WHILE OTHERS HAD COME IN ON "BELGIAN BOAT". JUSDAO INFO
INDICATES CARGO VESSEL CONGOKUST, NETHERLAND FLAG, CALL SIGN
PDLD, GROSS TON 4758, WAS REPORTED BY CINCLANT ON 15/16 JULY
AS BEING ON "HIGH SEAS WITH DESTINATION SANTA ISABEL".
SOURCE SAID CARGO HAD BEEN CLEARED BY SPANISH CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS IN SANTA ISABEL. SOURCE WAS OF IMPRESSION VEHICLES
WERE AT DOCK AWAITING FURTHER SHIPMENT TO DESTINATION UNKNOWN
TO HIM.
6. THIS INFO BEING PASSED CONSULS ENUGU, IBADAN, KADUNA
SUMMARY FORM. GR-3.
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1. LAST WEEK MORNING POST REPORTED IBOS LIVING IN LAGOS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER. HOWEVER, EMBASSY INFORMED BY POLICE SOURCE THAT NIGERIAN POLICE HAVE

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NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN REGISTERING IBOS. AND AT PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 22 FMG SPOKESMAN DENIED GOVERNMENT HA INITIATED PROGRAM OF REGISTRATION. SAID IF FMG DECIDED REGISTER PERSONS, DECISION WOULD BE GIVEN FULL PUBLICITY SO EVERYONE COULD KNOW ABOUT IT.

2. POLICE RELEASED STATEMENT IN LAGOS YESTERDAY WHICH PLACED BLAME OF RECENT EXPLOSIONS IN LAGOS AREA ON "REREL GANG IN ENUGU." SAID GASOLINE TANKER TRUCK INVOLVED IN YABA EXPLOSION AND THE OTHER AT APAPA IN WHICH EXPLOSIVES DISCOVERED HAD BOTH BEEN OWNED BY EASTERN

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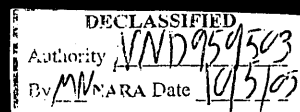
1. FMG ANNOUNCED JULY 21 THAT IKOM IN FORMER OGOJA PROVINCE

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CAPTURED AND LAGOS NEWS MEDIA JULY 23-24 SAY THERE IS
FIGHTING IN VICINITY IKOM. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT
RECEIVED ANY CONFIRMATION OF FMG REPORTS.

2. FMG ALSO STATED FEDERAL TROOPS ARE AT NKALAGU,
"23 MILES FROM ENUGU." HOWEVER, CONSULATE ENUGU HAS
REPORTED (ENUGU 206) THAT BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES TOOK
FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ON TOUR OF NKALAGU, WHICH LOCATED
30 MILES NORTHEAST OF ENUGU. AN AMERICAN WHO HAS LIVED
IN EAST SAYS THERE ARE TWO OTHER TOWNS ALSO NAMED
NKALAGU NOT FAR FROM ENUGU. ONE SPELLED NGALAKWU LIES

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NORTH OF UKEHE BETWEEN NSUKKA AND ENUGU. OTHER REPORTS INDICATE THERE HAS BEEN FIGHTING NEAR EHA AMUFU, ABOUT TEN MILES NORTH OF NKALAGU.

3. MICHAEL ANI HAS BEEN APPOINTED SOLE ADMINISTRATOR OF OGOJA DIVISION OF SOUTH EASTERN STATE. APPOINTMENT, WHICH ANNOUNCED IN LAGOS OVER WEEKEND, MADE BY MILGOV OF STATE, LTC U.J. ESUENE. ACCORDING FMG

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STATEMENT ANI, FORMER PERSEC MINISTRY ESTABLISHMENTS, "IS SHORTLY TO ASSUME DUTIES IN OGOJA." HE IS EF K WHO HAS HAD LONG, SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND IS KNOWN AS "WIZARD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE." IN ANOTHER PRESS RELEASE, MILITARY SPOKESMAN FROM FMG IS QUOTED AS SAYING OGOJA "FIRMLY ENTRENCHED AND CIVILIANS RALLYING AROUND FEDERAL TROOPS." SPOKESMAN SAID CHIEF I.O. MORPHY, OGOJA LEADER WHO FORMER MP EASTERN REGION PARLIAMENT, HELPING BY DISTRIBUTING FMG PUBLICITY MATERIALS AND EXPLAINING GOOD INTENTIONS OF GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIAN POPULATION.

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1. WESTERN MILGOV BRIG ADEBEYO VISIT OYO JULY 21 CANCELLED, THOUGH REST OF TOUR CURRENTLY STILL ON. SECY WESTERN MILGOVT ODUMOSU TOLD ASST USAID DIRECTOR ON JULY 23 THAT OYO VISIT CANCELLED BECAUSE OF CID REPORTS OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES WHICH THEY FEARED MIGHT LEAD TO PUBLIC APPEALS FOR AND AGAINST YORUBA CENTRAL STATE BY INNDP AND AG SYMPATHIZERS.

2. ODUMOSU ALSO SAID ALAKE OF ABEOKUTA HAD APPEALED TO MILGOV FOR PROTECTION AS PEOPLE OF ABEOKUTA WANTED "RUN HIM OUT OF TOWN" BECAUSE HE SIGNED PETITION ADVOCATING EGBA STATE.

3. ODUMOSU ALSO LEARNED IN LAGOS LAST WEEK THAT ATTAN, PERMSEC, MINFINANCE, HAD REFUSED AUTHORIZE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT (WORTH \$420,000) TO BE PURCHASED IN FRANCE FOR WESTERN MILGOV.

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MIL SITREP

1. UNDISCLOSED NUMBER ARMY TRADESMEN (TECHNICIANS) COMPLETED FIVE WEEKS TRAINING ABEOKUTA TRAINING DEPOT JULY 21. MANY POSTED 11TH BN FOR ROADBLOCK DUTY, WHILE SOME SENT EAST. NINE DESERTED, ACCORDING ONE GRADUATE, WHEN THEY LEARNED FROM MAJOR DARAMOLA WHO STILL IN ABEOKUTA THEY TO GO TO FIGHTING FRONT.

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2. MAJOR BAJOWA, NEW CO 11TH BN, TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER JULY 22 OF HIS PROBLEMS IN MOUNTING ROADBLOCKS. WITH OIL TANKERS BEING USED TO CARRY EXPLOSIVES IN LAGOS AREA, CONTROL AND EXAMINATION THESE VEHICLES HAS UNDERSTANDABLY BEEN TIGHTENED. ARMY PERSONNEL AT ROADBLOCKS THREATENING BREAK SEALS ON TANKERS. BAJOWA SAID HIS ORDERS ARE THAT SEALS AND LETTER BEING ISSUED BY ARMY AT APAPA ARE TO BE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE TANKER HAS ARMY CLEARANCE, BUT ORDERS APPARENTLY NOT UNDERSTOOD BY ALL PERSONNEL.

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3. ELEVENTH BATTALION NOW SEEMS HAVE TAKEN OVER ALL RESPONSIBILITY MAINTAINING ARMY UNITS AT ROADBLOCKS IN WEST, INCLUDING MILE 12 IN LAGOS STATE (NIGERIAN POLICE PERSONNEL ALSO STATIONED AT ROADBLOCKS). IN ADDITION, 11TH EXPECTED FURNISH DETAILS FOR GUARDING KANJI DAM, JEBBA BRIDGE AND ILORIN.

4. BURROUGHS, EXPAT OWNER FIBRE-GLASS REINFORCED PLASTICS COMPANY IN ABEOKUTA, ON JULY 24 TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT HE HAD ONLY COMPLETED ONE BOAT AND EXPECTE FINISH FOUR MORE BEFORE DELIVERY DEADLINE, WHICH UNSPECIFIED (IBADAN 28). IF DEADLINE EXTENDED, HE WILL MAKE MORE. ORDER FOR 2,000 LIFE JACKETS GIVEN TO SUITCASE MANUFACTURER.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 41

1. COMMISSIONER L. A. MARSDEN (PROTECT SOURCE) SENIOR EXPAT
NPF PASSED THROUGH IBADAN OVER WEEKEND AND TOLD CONSULATE
OFFICER OF HIS PROJECTED NORTHERN TRIP FROM JULY 24 TO AUGUST 10
IN CONNECTION WITH REORGANIZATION OF NPF IN SIX NEW STATES OF
NORTH.

2. MARSDEN ALSO HOPES GET SOME IDEA OF POLITICAL FORCES WHICH
MAY BE WORKING ON POLICE AND JUST HOW FAR FMG WILL HAVE TO

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OR CAN GO IN REORGANIZATION, INCLUDING INTEGRATION OF
NATIVE AUTHORITY POLICE.

3. MARSDEN CONFIRMED STORY OF DEFECTION 200 EASTERN
MINORITIES POLICE TO CAMEROONS (KADUNA 90).

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1. MILITARY. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPT NO REPORTS OF ACTIVITY ON
ANY FRONT. ON JULY 22 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WERE TAKEN TO
NKALAGU (6,28N - 7,47E) WHERE LAGOS RADIO HAS BEEN REPORTING
HEAVY FIGHTING. JOURNALISTS DESCRIBED IT AS QUIETEST TOWN IN

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WEST AFRICA, FIRMLY IN "BIAFRAN" HANDS.

2. PRISONERS. ON JULY 22 "BIAFRA" UNVEILED TWO FMG OFFICERS WHO WERE CAPTURED IN NSUKKA SECTOR: CAPT ABDUL MOHANNED BUGAJI AND CAPT JOHN OLAJIDE ADEDIPE BOTH OF THIRD BN. BUGAJI, WHO CLAIMED HE WAS THIRD BN COMMANDING OFFICER, SAID HIS BN MOVED FROM IBADAN WITHOUT BEING INFORMED OF DESTINATION, WAS THROWN INTO BATTLE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT ARRIVED AT FRONT. SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH HE ONLY CAPTAIN, HE GIVEN COMMAND BECAUSE HE HAD EXPERIENCE IN CONGO AND INDIA. ADEDIPE, A YORUBA WHO SAID HE TRAINED IN US, CLAIMED HE A THIRD BN COMPANY COMMANDER. REPORTEDLY COMPLAINED HIS BN ILL-PREPARED FOR COMBAT AND THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER YORUBAS HAVE DESERTED.

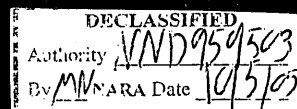
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VEHICLES HAVE BEEN SEEN IN ENUGU, PRESUMABLY CAPTURED FROM FMG.

4. GENERAL. ALL QUIET ENUGU. CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS NOW RPT NOW ORGANIZING WELFARE ACTIVITIES AND CLOTHING DRIVES FOR SOLDIERS. SUCH CIVILIAN SUPPORT APPARENTLY STRENGTHENING MILITARY MORALE TO POINT THAT SOLDIERS WOULD BE EMBARRASSED TO RUN FROM BATTLE.
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1. ICRC INFORMS THAT TWO MEDICAL TEAMS COMPRISED DOCTORS AND MALE NURSES FROM SWISS RED CROSS HAVE NOW BEEN SELECTED FOR EARLY ASSIGNMENT TO EACH SIDE IN NIGERIAN CONFLICT. EACH TEAM WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH MEDICAMENTS PURCHASED BY ICRC AT COST SF 30,000.

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2. PERSONNEL THESE TEAMS AND ICRC DELEGATE IN LAGOS (GEORGE HOFFMANN) BEING INSTRUCTED DEVELOP AND REPORT ASAP TO ICRC GENEVA MAXIMUM INFORMATION RE NEEDS NIGERIA FOR FOOD, MEDICAL AND OTHER SUPPLIES FOR WOUNDED AND OTHER VICTIMS HOSTILITIES.

3. WHEN SPECIFIC NEEDS ARE KNOWN, ICRC GENEVA WILL LAUNCH APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE TO NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETIES. ICRC REPORTS THAT

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NORWEGIAN, SWEDISH AND FINNISH SOCIETIES HAVE ALREADY INDICATED
WILLINGNESS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. ICRC HOPEFUL AMCROSS WILL ALSO BE
RESPONSIVE. TUBBY

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SECRET 0299 JULY 67. 3RD HALLIGAN COUNTY, NIGERIAN. SUBJECT POSSIBLE MOUNTING AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AGAINST SECESSIONIST EAST BY FAR. DIA FOR DIAO. CINCOSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACS. 1. REF PAR 6, USDAO, NIGERIA, SECRET NOFORN IMMEDIATE LHMIA 0298 JULY 67.0

2. VISUAL OBSERVATIONS USDAO STAFFER CONFIDENTIAL SS KING JAJA DEPARTED LINGOS HARBOR 270935 JULY LOCAL TIME. ESTIMATE FROM OBSERVERS ON SCENE SAILING APAPA WHARF INDICATE APPROX 700 TROOPS ON BOARD.

3. ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES AND ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES CURRENTLY BEING CHECKED AND UTILIZED ATTEMPT DETERMINE MORE PRECISE DATA NUMBER AND DETACHEE TROOPS INVOLVED "INVASION FORCE". CONZ SIDERING COMBINED CAPACITIES VESSELS INVOLVED IDENTIFIED REF 0298 MESSAGE, DIA ESTIMATES IT POSSIBLE UNITS AND GROUND TROOPS INVOLVED COULD NUMBER AS MANY AS TWO BNS WHICH COULD, IN TURN, BE AS MANY AS SEVENTEEN TO EIGHTEEN HUNDRED MEN.

4. ONE SOURCE INFORMATION, PRESENTLY UNCONFIRMED, INDICATES NIGERIAN ARMY, UTILIZING LAGOS CITY COUNCIL BUSES WITH NORMAL CAPACITY APPROX 54 PERSONS SEATED (CAPACITY COULD BE CONSIDERABLY MORE UNDER SHORT RUN TRANSPORT CONDITIONS) PICKED UP AT LEAST EIGHT BUS LOADS TROOPS IREJA AIRPORT NITE 23 JULY. ORIGIN OR DESTINATION OF TROOPS UNKNOWN, BUT STRONGEST POSSIBILITY IS TROOPS FROM SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AND THEY DESTINED

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FOR RIDE ON "INVASION FLEET".

5. NOT FIRM ON THIS, BUT SEVERAL INDICATIONS EXIST THAT OVER-
ALL TROOP COMMANDER IDCR INVASION FORCE, OF PERHAPS SOME PORTION
THEREOF, IS LTC B.M. ADEKUNLE, FORMER COMMANDER SIXTH BN, INF 1A,
AND MOST RECENTLY COMMANDER LAGOS GARRISON ORGANIZATION. AS
POINTED OUT PREVIOUS MESSAGES, ADEKUNLE HAS YORUBA FATHER,
MIDDLE EAST MOTHER AND EASTERN MINORITY WIFE WHO PRESENTLY
LIVING PORT HARCOURT AREA WITH ADEKUNLE'S CHILDREN.
6. WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION, FIRM OR REASONABLY CLOSE THERETO,
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. GP-3.

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IT IS UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT A GROUP OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS WERE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF KNALAGU, LOCATED 30 MILES NORTH EAST OF ENUGU, WHICH LAGOS RADIO CLAIMED YESTERDAY, WAS IN THE HANDS OF FEDERAL TROOPS. MR. ENELI, PERMSEC FOR COMMERCE WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE KNALAGU CEMENT FACTORY, IS SAID TO HAVE CONDUCTED THE NEWSMEN ON A TOUR OF THAT FACILITY. LATER TODAY IT WAS SAID, THE CORRESPONDENTS VISITED WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN HOSPITALS IN ENUGU, IN COMPANY OF LT. COL. OJUKWU. THEY WERE ALSO SAID TO HAVE SPOKEN WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FEDERAL THIRD BATTALION, IN A HOSPITAL HERE. THE OFFICER IS SAID TO BE RECUPERATING FROM A BATTLE-INFLECTED HEAD WOUND. MEANWHILE, IN ENUGU, ON THIS EIGHTEENTH DAY OF HOSTILITIES, THE USUAL QUIET PREVAILED.
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MILITARY SITREP

1. KADUNA MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NOW BULGING WITH RE-
CRUITS. HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN GROUP GATHERED IN IN RANKS
IN MUFTI ON ARMY SHORTS FIELD WHICH I ESTIMATE AT OVER
1,000 WHILE OTHERS GO AS HIGH AS 2,000. THEY BEGINNING

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TURN OUT IN BLUE SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS WITH SOME GREEN
FATIGUES ALSO APPEARING.

2. MINISTRY OF WORKS TRUCKS BEING USED DAILY FOR ARMY
TRANSPORT. FIVE NEW TRUCKS LOADED WITH ARMY TROOPS IN
FULL GEAR SEEN PROCEEDING SOUTH JULY 15 THROUGH KADUNA.
REPORT FROM BIDA (NEAR CONFLUENCE NIGER AND KADUNA
RIVERS) THAT NUMEROUS TRUCK-BORNE TROOP MOVEMENTS UNDER-
WAY PERIOD JULY 13-15.

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3. BRIGADIER VARMA (INDIAN) COMMANDANT NIGERIAN DEFENSE ACADEMY, KADUNA, IN RARE COMMENT ON THINGS MILITARY SAID HE VERY PROUD OF REPORTS RECEIVED ON PERFORMANCE OF RECENTLY-GRADUATED FIRST CLASS FROM ACADEMY. SAID ALL REPORTS INDICATED NEW YOUNG OFFICERS CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN ADMIRABLE FASHION IN FIRST ACTIONS. SAID THERE ONLY ONE CASUALTY THUS FAR AMONG RECENT GRADUATES. HONORS MAN IN CLASS LOST AN EYE FROM BUTTET FRAGMENT WHICH ENTERED FERRET IN WHICH HE SERVING.

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4. GERMAN CONSUL ENZWEILER (PROTECT SOURCE) SAYS THERE ABOUT THIRTY PLANES LEFT AT NAF BUT ONLY FIFTEEN STILL OPERABLE. TWO PLANES DAMAGED RECENTLY. ONE PROBABLY WASHED OUT IS RESULT GROUND LOOP IN MAKURDI. SECOND FORCE-LANDED ON ZARIA-JOS ROAD AND WAS DEMOLISHED ON ATTEMPTED TAKE-OFF. ENZWEILER SAYS NAF HAS ABANDONED ATTEMPT INSTALL MACHINE GUNS IN DORNIER TRAINER AIRCRAFT (KADUNA 29) AFTER INADEQUACY OF SCHEME BECAME APPARENT.

5. AMCIT AT OTURKPO REPORTS AS OF JULY 15 SULE APOLLO, FOURTH BN C.O., LEFT WITH OFFICERS AND MAY BE MOVING HQ FORWARD. GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS OTURKPO AND MAKURDI FULL OF CASUALTIES AND THAT ARMY TAKING OVER SECONDARY SCHOOL OTURKPO ADJOINING HOSPITAL TO EXPAND CASUALTY WARDS. TOTAL BEDS LISTED IN OFFICIAL PUBLICATION FOR MAKURDI 150 REPEAT 150, OTURKPO 47 REPEAT 47. THIS NOT RELIABLE GUIDE TO NUMBER OF CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, SINCE SICK AND INJURED OFTEN ACCOMMODATED ON FLOOR MATS IN NORTH.

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5. SUDAN UNITED MISSION (GBOKO/MKAR) REPORTED JULY 21 NO FURTHER CASUALTIES RECEIVED THEIR HOSPITAL SINCE

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JULY 14 ALTHOUGH THERE STILL SMALL NUMBER IN HOSPITAL FROM FIRST WEEK OF FIGHTING. SUM HAS LEFT ITS HOSPITAL AT KUNAV TO ARMY USE SO UNABLE SAY HOW MANY CASUALTIES THERE BUT SERIOUS CASES PRIOR TO SUM DEPARTURE WERE EVACUATED TO GBOKO.

6. SUM ALSO REPORTS ARMY GUARD AT SUM AIRSTRIP GBOKO/MKAR WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENT DAY AND NIGHT FOR MONTHS PAST WAS WITHDRAWN ABOUT JULY 15. SUM HAS IMPRESSION FIGHTING IS "MOVING FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY" AND THEY NOW BEGINNING ASK WHEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN MAY RETURN TO THAT PART OF TIZDIVISION.

7. MOOD IN NORTH UNSHAKEN BY SLOW MOVEMENT OF FEDERAL FORCES. CONVICTIONPREVAILS THAT WHILE FIGHT MAY BE LONG AND HARD, FEDERAL FORCES WILL PREVAIL.
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1. NEW NIGERIAN JULY 22 CARRIED LETTER TO EDITOR TITLED "WHY WE CANNOT REALLY BLAME BRITAIN AND U.S. IN OUR CRISIS." LETTER, FIGNED BY FUNSO ADARAMOLJ, LL.M. IN INTERNATIONAL LAW, AHMADU BELLO UNIVERSITY, ZARIA, TAKES LEGALISTIC STANCE SEEKING TO EXPLAIN, ALTHOUGH NOT SUPPORT, U.S. AND U.K. STANCE. U.K. STANCE EXPLAINED AS REFLECTING GENUINE ANXIETY FOR

WELFARE ITS HEAVY OIL INVESTMENT IN EAST AS WELL AS OIL NEEDS IN U.K., AND EQUAL ARGUMENT THAT FMG UNABLE AFFORD SECURITY TO SHELL-BP INSTALLATIONS IN EAST.

2. U.S. REASONING ON ARMS PURCHASES DEEMED SPECIOUS, BUT WRITER ARGUES USG STANCE IS DECLARATION OF UNWARRANTED NEUTRALITY RATHER THAN INTERFERENCE IN NIGERIAN AFFAIRS.

3. WRITER BLAMES NIGERIAN TROUBLES NOT ON ANGLO-AMERICANS BUT RATHER ON NIGERIAN FAILURE TO IDENTIFY, SECURE, PROTECT ITS VITAL NEEDS AND INTERESTS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NORTHERN RADIO-TV STILL CRITICIZING USG, NEW NIGERIAN HAS DROPPED ANTI-U.S. CAMPAIGN SINCE JULY 17. ABOVE LETTER-TO-EDITOR PROBABLY

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REPRESENTS EFFORT BY EDITOR ADAMU CIROMA TO BALANCE
PREVIOUS ATTACKS ON USG, AND AROUSE FURTHER READER
INTEREST (AND PROLONG CONTROVERSY?). IN ANY CASE,
THIS IS FIRST BRIGHT SPOT IN OTHERWISE HOSTILE MASS

MEDIA IN NORTH. YESTERDAY, NORTHERN LABOR LEADER SAID
HE THOUGHT ENAHORO STATEMENT (LAGOS 797) HAD CORRECTED
SITUATION BY STATING IT NOT TRUE US/UK AIDING OJUKWU.
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RADIO AND PRESS JULY 20-21 CARRIED REPORT THAT MORE
THAN 200 REBEL POLICEMEN HAD DESERTED OJUKWU AND FLED
INTO CAMEROUN REPUBLIC NEAR MAMFE. REBEL POLICE RE-
PORTEDLY OFFERED NO RESISTANCE, WERE IMMEDIATELY DISARMED,
ARRESTED, AND TAKEN TO BUEA, CAMEROUN, WHERE THEY BEING
TREATED AS REFUGEES. CAMEROUNIAN CSP NJOVENS, NIGERIA

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POLICE HQ, KADUNA (PROTECT SOURCE) TOLD CONSOFF THAT
FLEEING POLICE PROBABLY OF OGOJA ORIGIN WHO HOPED SIT
OUT BATTLE AND THEN RETURN OGOJA PROVINCE. HE BELIEVED
ANNOUNCED NUMBER OF 200 TOO HIGH RELATIVE TO NORMAL
POLICE COMPLEMENTS THAT AREA AND LIKELIHOOD THAT 180
POLICE WOULD HAVE FLED TOWARD ENUGU RATHER THAN CAMEROUN.
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1. FOLLOWING OBTAINED BY RELIABLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE AMERICAN FROM ALLISON AYIDA, PERMSEC ECON DEVELOPMENT. AMERICAN SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF ABSOLUTE PROTECTION MUST BE GIVEN AYIDA AND ASKED THAT HIS OWN NAME NOT BE REVEALED.

2. AYIDA TOLD AMERICHT OF JULY 20 THAT SOME INFORMATION GIVEN BY HIM AND OBEYA AT PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER-NOON OF SAME DAY (LAGOS 742) WAS NOT RPT NOT TRUE: FMG TROOPS WERE NOT RPT NOT MOVING STEADILY TOWARD ENUGU, FMG AIRCRAFT DID NOT ATTACK ENUGU AND SOME SHIPS HAVE

PAGE 2 RUTALS 803CC CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN REACHED PORT HARCOURT DESPITE BLOCKADE. AYIDA SEEMED TROUBLED BY WAY MILITARY CAMPAIGN GOING AGAINST "BIAFRA." HE SAID WAR IS HURTING ALL NIGERIANS AND "THE LONGER IT GOES ON THE MORE DOUBTFUL IT IS WE CAN SALVAGE ANYTHING." HE SAID FMG EMISSARIES ARE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH BIAFRANS THROUGH ANKRAH IN ACCRA, BUT OJUKWU IS NOT READY TO COME TO TERMS. AYIDA TOLD AMERICAN THAT FMG WOULD BE WILLING NEGOTIATE.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH SAME AMERICAN JULY 21 AYIDA WAS IN HAPPIER FRAME OF MIND, APPEARED MORE CONFIDENT THAT FMG ON RIGHT TRACK. (AMERICAN BELIEVED THAT SINCE YESTERDAY AYIDA HAD SEEN FAVORABLE REPORT FROM FRONT.) SAID FMG WILL WIN, BUT AT GREAT COST HUMAN LIVES. OJUKWU,

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HE DECLARED, SHOULD REALIZE HE IS BEATEN AND SHOULD NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE. WHEN ASKED WHAT TERMS FMG MIGHT GIVE BIAFRA, AYIDA STATED IBOS COULD HAVE PORT HARCOURT AND IMPLIED WESTERN PART OF RIVERS STATE MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO IBOS. HE ASSERTED THAT ON THIS BASIS WAR COULD BE ENDED, LIVES COULD BE SAVED, AND YET

PAGE 3 RUTALS 803CC C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN
AT SAME TIME REST OF NIGERIA COULD BE KEPT TOGETHER AND MOST OF MINORITY PEOPLES BE GIVEN FREEDOM FROM IBOS. AYIDA SAID OTHER INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN GOVERNMENT WERE IN BASIC AGREEMENT WITH WHAT HE HAD TOLD AMERICAN SOURCE.

4. COMMENT: WHAT AYIDA SAID IS STRANGE MISTURE OF CONFIDENCE AND WILLINGNESS SETTLE FOR LESS THAN FMG GOAL OF CRUSHING REBELLION. THIS MIGHT STEM FROM POSSIBLE BELIEF, WHICH HE CONFIDED TO AMERICAN YESTERDAY, THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT LOOK AS IF FMG CAN CRACK IBO HEARTLAND. HIS REMARKS TODAY INDICATE THAT, AT VERY LEAST, HE BELIEVES PRICE OF VICTORY WILL BE QUITE HIGH. IT UNCLEAR WHY AYIDA CHOSE TELL AMERICAN FOREGOING, ALTHOUGH AMERICAN FAIRLY GOOD FRIEND. THERE NO WAY KNOWING WHETHER OTHER PROMINENT FMG FIGURES DO INDEED SHARE THIS VIEW, BUT IT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT THAT AN FMG PERMSEC WHO, ALTHOUGH NOT IN INNERMOST CIRCLE, IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT CIVIL SERVANTS HAS EXPRESSED WHAT AYIDA DID TO HIS AMERICAN FRIEND. AT TIME OF EASTERN SECESSION, AYIDA WAS VOCAL IN SUPPORT USE OF FORCE TO

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DEFEAT OJUKWU GOVERNMENT.
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1. CONSULATE OFFICER ON 22 JULY SPOKE WITH OMITOLA, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN CHARGE IBADAN. OMITOLA SAID "EXPLOSIVES" REPORTEDLY FOUND IN A BATTERY DAY ADVENTIST MISSION REALLY ONLY BERAC BATTERIES FOUND IN THE HOUSE BEHIND MISSION. HIS MEN SEARCHED HOUSE THOROUGHLY AND FOUND LOCAL AND RETURNED LATER THAT NIGHT TO COMPLETELY THOROUGHLY INSIDE OUT. NO RPT NO EXPLOSIVES DISCOVERED. HOWEVER, NEWSPAPER REPORTERS SAW CARDBOARD BERAC

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BATTERY BOXES AND ASSURED THEY CONTAINED EXPLOSIVES.

2. OMITOLA SAID ANOTHER INCIDENT OCCURRED NEAR USIS YESTERDAY. A COVERED LORRY WITH "NIGERIAN PLASTICS AND EXPLOSIVES" WRITTEN ACROSS IT WAS APPARENTLY ABANDONED NEAR MOKOLA ROUNDABOUT, WHICH PRINCIPAL CROSSROADS FOR ROUTES NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST. CONSTABLES FINALLY BEGAN DRIVE TRUCK AWAY WHEN DRIVER APPEARED. HE SUBJECTED TO INTENSE QUESTIONING BUT FINALLY SATISFIED POLICE THAT HE HAD BEEN ON ROUTINE TRIP KANJI DAM AND TRUCK DID NOT CONTAIN DANGEROUS CARGO. OMITOLA ADMITTED HIS MEN "JUMPY."

3. FRONT PAGE ITEM IN AG-LEADING "NIGERIAN TRIBUNE" ON 22ND SAYS AREA COMMANDER AND POLICE COMMISSIONER ASSURE "INTIRE PEOPLE OF WESTERN STATE, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN IBADAN, OF SAFETY OF THEIR PROPERTY AND PERSON. PUBLIC SHOULD NOT PANIC OR BE UNDULY WORRIED ABOUT MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND CERTAIN WILD RUMOURS

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CIRCULATING IN IBADAN BECAUSE THERE ENOUGH TROOPS AND POLICE TO ENSURE SECURITY OF WESTERN STATE AND IBADAN IN PARTICULAR AND TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH ANY TROUBLEMAKER."

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4. COMMENT: AS EXAMPLE OF HOW QUICKLY RUMORS SPREAD IN IBADAN, CONSULATE OFFICER LEARNED OF "EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH" STORY AT 1630, ONLY HALF AN HOUR AFTER REPORTED TIME OF RAID.

5. SMALL OF BDHC HAS HEARD STORY THAT STATEMENT (PARA 3 ABOVE) PUT OUT BY AREA COMMANDER AND POLICE COMMISSIONER (OLUFUNWA) MAY BE USED AS PRETEXT INDUCE WESTERN MIL GOV ADEBAYO TO CANCEL CURRENT MEET THE PEOPLE TOUR. ODUMOSU TOLD ASST. USAID DIRECTOR ON JULY 20 (IBADAN 35) THAT OLUFUNWA ONE OF THOSE UNHAPPY ABOUT ORIG. BOB STATEMENTS ON OJUKWU. WESTERN COMMISSIONER LANDS AND HOUSING OMISADE (ANOTHER ONE DISMAYED WITH ADEBAYO STATEMENTS) ON JULY 21 TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT ROLE OF COMMISSIONERS IN CURRENT TOUR IS "TO BE SEEN AND NOT HEARD."

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1. POLICE RELEASED STATEMENT JULY 20 RE YABA BOMB EXPLOSION OF JULY 19 (LAGOS 716). STATEMENT SAID EXPLOSION USED WAS COMMERCIAL GELIGNITE PRESUMABLY DETONATED BY TIME FUSE. FIRE CAUSED BY GASOLINE VAPOR IN TANK OF GASOLINE TANKER IN WHICH EXPLOSIVE PLACED. TRUCK OWNED BY MORRIS CHIMA AND SONS, ABAB, SUBCONTRACTORS TO MOBIL OIL NIGERIA. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO CASINO CINEMA, INLAND REVENUE AND AUDIT DEPARTMENT BUILDINGS, BUT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE ONLY SLIGHTLY

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DAMAGED AND NO DISRUPTION TELEPHONE SERVICES. ACCORDING OFFICIAL SOURCE, SIX DEAD, ABOUT SIXTY INJURED, SEVERAL OF WHOM MAY NOT SURVIVE.
2. JULY 22 MORNING POST REPORTS "AT LEAST THREE MORE ATTEMPTED EXPLOSIONS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF LAGOS" SINCE YABA BLAST. POST SAYS EXPLOSIVES FOUND AT BUILDING ON MARTINS STREET OF DOWNTOWN LAGOS, AT ECN DISTRICT POWER HOUSE AT IKOYI AND AT LAGOS MAINLAND SUBURB OF SURULERE. THIS NOT RPT NOT OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED, BUT OFFICIAL SOURCE DOES CONFIRM DISCOVERY JULY 20 OF EXPLOSIVES IN ANOTHER GASOLINE TANKER. AS REPORTED IN JULY 21 DAILY TIMES, ABANDONED TANKER (WITH BOGUS TEXACO MARKINGS) FOUND JULY 20 BY POLICE IN APAPA. SINCE VEHICLE NOT LEFT NEAR TARGET OF ANY CONSEQUENCE, POLICE SURMISE SABOTEURS TAKING IT ELSEWHERE LOST NERVE AND ABANDONED IT.
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RADIO ENUGU TODAY REPORTED THE CAPTURE OF A NIGERIAN BATTALION CO, A COMPANY COMMANDER AND A PRIVATE, DURING FIGHTING IN THE NSUKKA AREA, LAST THURSDAY. THE REPORT ADDED THAT DURING INTERROGATION, THE COMPANY COMMANDER, IDENTIFIED AS A WESTERN AREA YORUBA, HAD COMPLAINED THAT HIS TROOPS WERE INSUFFICIENTLY TRAINED AND HAD BEEN PUSHED INTO BATTLE, ILL-PREPARED, BUT IN TIME TO TAKE THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK BY FORCES OF LT. COL. OJUKWU, HEAD OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION, WHICH NOW CALLS ITSELF BIAFRA. MEANWHILE, IN ENUGU, THE "BUSINESS AS USUAL" ATTITUDE WHICH HAS PERSISTED HERE, WITH ONLY ONE SINGLE EXCEPTION (LAST SATURDAY), CONTINUED. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT. MULVEHILL
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1. GERMAN CONSUL ENZWEILER (PROTECT SOURCE) GAVE ME
 REPORT WHICH HE RECEIVED FROM TWO GERMAN CATHOLIC
 MISSION FARM WORKERS FROM OGOJA.

2. MISSION WORKERS LEFT OGOJA SUNDAY JULY 16 WITH
 LAISSEZ PASSER TO PROCEED BY VOLKSWAGEN TO KADUNA.
 LAISSEZ-PASSER, SIGNED BY MAJOR AHMADU YAKUBU, C.O.
 TWENTY BN, STATED IN PART THEY RELEASED SINCE INVES-

TIGATION SHOWED THEY NOT MERCENARIES. ATRKERS SAID
 THEY FELT IT EASIER FOR THEM TO LEAVE OGOJA BECAUSE
 THEY GERMAN, NOT AMERICAN, BRITISH ORNCRISH. THEY
 SAID CONSIDABLE ANTI-MISSIONARY AND
 ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT AMONG TROOPS. MISSIONARIES
 SUSPECT FOR ALLEGEDLY HAVING BEEN FRIENDLY TO AND
 HAVING HELPED IBOS IN OGOJA. AMERICANS SUSPECT BE-
 CAUSE THEY ALLEGEDLY AIDING REBELS AND BECAUSE OF
 TALK OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES.

3. GERMAN MISSION WORKERS SAID THERE ARE "AT LEAST
 TWO AMERICANS" AMONG SIX RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND TWO
 IRISH PRIESTS UNACCOUNTED FOR AT TINY VILLAGE THREE
 MILES NORTH OF OGOJA TOWN. CATHOLIC BISHOP (IRISH)
 IN OGOJA AND REMAINDER MISSION STAFF WELL BUT NOT PER-
 MITTED BY ARMY TO LEAVE OGOJA TOWN AND HAVE NOT BEEN
 ABLE CONTACT EIGHT REFERED TO ABOVE. WORD HAS REACHED
 THEM, HOWEVER, THAT EIGHT HAVE GONE INTO BUSH AND ARE
 SAFE. UNDERSTAND ALL REMAINING CATHOLIC MISSION PER-
 SONNEL OGOJA ARE NON-AMERICAN.

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4. FOR LAGOS: DO NOT INFORM UKHICOM OR GERMANS.
UKDHC AND ENZWEILER REPORTING SEPARATELY.

5. FOR ENUGU: RE YOUR 121 AND 192. CAN YOU PROVIDE
FURTHER INFORMATION ON IDENTITY TWO AMERICAN RELIGIOUS
SISTERS REPORTED PARA 4 ABOVE. ONE COULD BY ANNE
P. RYAN KA MOTHER MARY JULIAN REPORTED YOUR 121. IF
IDENTITY INFO AVAILABLE WILL ATTEMPT ABTAIN WELFARE-
WHEREABOUTS REPORT THROUGH ARMY OF POLICE CHANNELS
THOUGH NOT SANGUINE OF SUCCESS.
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SECRET NOFORN 0297 JULY 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA.
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA
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OASD/ISA.

1. NOFORN RESTRICTION APPLIES INFO THIS PARAGRAPH ONLY AS IT

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CONCERNS INFO PASSD ON BYIBOURCE QUOTED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE HIS
SUPERIORS. ON 22 JULY UK DEFENSE ADVISOR (PROTECT SOURCE)
TO UK HIGH COMMISSIONER, LAGOS, TOLD DATT HMG AND FMG NIGERIA
HAD AGREED HMG WOULD PROVIDE FMG WITH TWENTY FOUR UK 44 MM,
SINGLE BARRELLED, MOBILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS 160 MARK 1 (BOFORS)
WHICH IS BRITISH VERSION SWEDISH BOFORS. SIX GUNS WILL BE
FLOWN NIGERIA "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" (CONNOTATION IS IMMEDIATE
FUTURE) WHERE IMMEDIATE TRAINING NIGERIAN FOUR MAN CREWS FOR
EACH WEAPON WILL BE CONDUCTED AT NIGERIAN NAVAL BASE, NNS
BEECROFT, APAPA. IN ADDITION, NIGERIAN GUN CREWS WILL BE
FLOWN TO UK FOR SPECIAL CRASH TRAINING PROGRAM OF APPROX
TEN DAYS AT LARKHILL. DELIVERY OF BALANCE EIGHTEEN WEAPONS
ON TOTAL TWENTY FOUR WILL BE ARRANGED SO AS TO COINCIDE
WITH RETURN NIGERIAN CREWS.

2. WITH RESPECT RECENT USDAO AND OTHER EMBASSY LAGOS MESSAGES
ON PROBABILITY IMMINENT ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA JET AIRCRAFT OF
SOME TYPE FOR NIGERIAN AIR FORCE (MOST INFO HAS INDICATED
PLANES WOULD BE SIX CZECH L-29 DELFIN JET TRAINERS), ON 21
JULY UK DEFENSE ADVISOR WAS TOLD BY CLOSE FRIEND (SWISS

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COMMERCIAL NATIONAL IN BUSINESS NIGERIA MANY YEARS) NOT TO BE
SURPRISED IF UPON ARRIVAL JETS TURN OUT TO BE MIG-17S RATHER
THAN DELPHINS. DEFENSE ADVISOR HAD NO OTHER INDICATION THIS
POSSIBILITY. (DATT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT MIG-17, IN ADDITION
SOVIET PRODUCTION, HAS ALSO BEEN BUILT IN POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND CHINA).

3. REFERENCE PAR 2B, USDAO, NIGERIA SECRET MSG 0294 JULY 67.
DATT HAS HAD SUFFICIENT CONFIRMING INFO SO THAT HE ACCEPTS AS
FACT INFO ON 10,000 FN LIGHT AUTOMATIC RIFLES. WITH RESPECT
INFO ON "SIMILAR CONTRACT ELSEWHERE" REFERRED TO IN REF PAR.,
DATT HAS HAD SEVERAL INDICATIONS SINCE ORIG CONVERSATION WHICH
LEAD TO BELIEF "SIMILAR CONTRACT ELSEWHERE" MIGHT VERY POSSIBLY
REFER TO DEAL FOR ADDITIONAL 8000 FM RIFLES (ALSO BELIEVED
TO BE SEMI-AUTOMATIC TYPE) MADE ON BEHALF FMG BY SENIOR LEGAL
COUNCIL WITH REPRESENTATIVE SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM WITH HQ CAPE-
TOWN. NO CONFIRMATION THIS AS YET, BUT DATT HAS BEEN TOLD
BY EXPAT SOURCE WHO HAS PASSED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST THAT
SOUTH AFRICAN FIRM INVOLVED HAD MADE PURCHASE IN EUROPE
"SOME TIME BACK" BUT HAD RUN INTO "SOME DIFFICULTIES" ON

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EXPORT LICENSING. TAKING ADVANTAGE KNOWLEDGE FMG ARMS BUYERS
IN EUROPE, DA FIRM HAD ARRANGED DIVERT SHIPMENT TO FMG WITH
"NICE PROFIT" AS AGENTS IN DEAL.

4. REFERENCE VESSELS "BODE THOMAS" AND "KING JAJA" REFERRED TO
PAR 5A, B, USDAO NIGERIA SECRET MSG 0296 JULY 67. INFO PASSED
USDAO STAFFER BY HARBOR MASTER LAGOS AM 22 JULY THAT "BODE
THOMAS" SCHEDULED SAIL FROM LAGOS 1400 LOCAL TIME 22 JULY.
NO FURTHER DETAILS THIS TIME. WITH REGARD "KING JAJA", SAME
HARBOR MASTER SOURCE TOLD DAO STAFFER THAT ON AFTERNOON 21
JULY HE HAD ASKED COMMANDER JOE, NIGERIAN NAVY, (WHO FMG AGENT
FOR ACTIVITIES "KING JAJA") ABOUT POSSIBILITY MOVING VESSEL
BACK INTO MIDSTREAM OF HARBOR IN ORDER TO FREE VALUABLE BERTH-
ING SPACE NEEDED FOR PORT OPERATIONS. HARBOR MASTER SOURCE SAID
"HE JUST LAUGHED AT ME, SO I WILL NOT RAISE THIS ONE AGAIN".

5. INFO AVAILABLE TO DATT INDICATES FMG AIR STRIP AT
MEKURDI PRESENTLY BEING EXTENDED "TO HANDLE JETS". NO
CONFIRMATION, BUT SOURCE OF INFO CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

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6. INFO AVAILABLE INDICATES THAT PORTION OVERALL FMG
OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST EAST WHICH PERTAINS
CAPTURE ENUGU CALLED "OPERATIN CONCORD".

7. UK SOURCES SAY NNS KADUNA INTERCEPTED ITALIAN M.V.
ISONZO ON 21 JULY AT 2300 HOURS WHEN SHIP CLEARED BONNY
CHANNEL. AFTER CHALLENGE AND REPLY, ISONZO PERMITTED TO
PROCEED. REMAINDER FMG NAVAL UNITS CURRENTLY AT APAPA
BASE. GP-3.
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1. Appreciate information on ICRC operations in Nigeria and their present thinking re this conflict. However, in our view military conflict in former Eastern Region likely to continue for some time, and fighting could be more serious and prolonged than apparently envisaged by ICRC, with consequent growing need for ICRC medical and other assistance.
2. FYI, we hope ICRC will be able obtain financial resources to support program in Nigeria. However, Amcross advises that it reluctant to provide funds and unwilling request foundation assistance as suggested para two reftel in absence of appeal to RC societies. Foundation mentioned reftel considered unreliable source in any case. END FYI
3. Accordingly, request Mission discuss subject further with ICRC to ascertain its present estimate of Nigerian situation, and intentions with respect to appeal to societies.

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1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TEXT REFTEL WHICH WAS INCORPORATED IN LETTER I SENT JULY 21 TO NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN LAGOS. LETTER INCLUDED COMPLETE TEXT AS IN REFTEL, INCLUDING SENTENCE THAT US DURING CURRENT CRISIS HAS NOT SUPPLIED ARMS ANYWHERE IN NIGERIA.

ONLY ADDITION TO TEXT IN REFTEL WAS OPENING SENTENCE AS FOLLOWS; " I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER OF JULY 15, 1967 TO MAJOR GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON, HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA, FROM THE OFFICERS OF THE NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN LAGOS EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES NOT BE IMPAIRED".

2. AMOUNT AND INTENSITY OF ANTI-AMERICAN CRITICISM (LAGOS 705) IN NIGERIAN PRESS HAS LESSENERED IN LAST TWO DAYS. TONE OF PRIVATE COMMENTS BY FMG OFFICIALS PICKED UP BY EMBOFFS INDICATES THEY NOW SPEAKING MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER ABOUT USG ATTITUDE TOWARD NIGERIA. UNDER SECRETARY OF MINEXTAFF AT DINNER LAST NIGHT SAID FMG FEELS "GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT" THAT US NOT ONLY TAKING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ARMS SALES BUT IS ALSO INFLUENCING EUROPEAN COUNTRIES NOT TO SELL MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO FMG.

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3. LAST NIGHT AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK SEPARATELY WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ELIAS AND DR. OKOI ARIKPO, MEMBER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND FEDERAL COMMISSIONER OF TRADE. AMBASSADOR TOOK THEM TO TASK FOR APPARENTLY INSPIRED PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST US AND WARNED THAT THIS COMES CLOSE TO INCITING PEOPLE TO ATTACK AMERICANS; IF THIS HAPPENED, AMBASSADOR WARNED, REACTION IN US AGAINST NIGERIA WOULD BE EXTREME. BOTH ELIAS AND ARIKPO THOUGHT POINT OF NIGERIAN UNHAPPINESS WITH US HAD BEEN DEMONSTRATED SUFFICIENTLY AND INDICATED THEY EXPECT CAMPAIGN TO SIMMER DOWN.

4. CHIEF ANTHONY ENSHORO, FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION AND LABOR, RETURNED LAGOS YESTERDAY FROM VISIT TO US AND UK. DURING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE HE REPORTEDLY SAID "IT WOULD NOT BE CORRECT TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN SUPPORT THE REBEL REGIME HEADED BY OJUKWU". ENAHORO EXPLAINED THAT OJUKWU HAD BEEN CARRYING ON PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ALL OVER WORLD WHILE REST OF COUNTRY WAS HOPING CRISIS COULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY. ENAHORO ADMITTED CRISIS HAD "TREMENDOUS EFFECT" ON NIGERIA'S IMAGE WHICH

WOULD TAKE LONG TIME TO REPAIR. ENAHORO SAID HE PRESENTED "CORRECT SITUATION" TO PRESS AND GOVERNMENTS IN BOTH US AND UK AND THAT BOTH AMERICANS AND BRITISH NOW UNDERSTAND NIGERIAN PROBLEM BETTER.

5. IN VIEW LESSENING OF CRITICISM REPORTED ABOVE, AND MORE UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE TAKEN BY ENAHORO, MY LETTER TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (PARA 1 ABOVE) SHOULD BE WELL RECEIVED. I AM SENDING COPIES OF THAT LETTER TO GENERAL GOWON AND TO PERMSEC EXTAFF OGBU. LETTER LIKELY BE CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS DURING NEXT DAY OR TWO. I BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT DEPT'S OBJECTIVE IN LAST PARA REFTEL IS IN FACT BEING ACHIEVED WITHOUT MY HAVING TO SEE GOWON PERSONALLY ON THIS MATTER.

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1. SECY WESTERN MILGOVT ODUMOSU TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR JULY 20, THAT HE AND ATTY GEN AJAYI DRAFTED MILGOV BRIG ADERAYO STATEMENT REPORTED IBADAN 31. THEY HAD CAREFULLY SOUGHT TO USE LANGUAGE ACCEPTABLE TO FMG WITHOUT BEING OFFENSIVE TO OJUKWU. TO THEIR SURPRISE AND DISMAY BRIG BOB IN GIVING SPEECH INTRODUCED SEVERAL

CRITICAL REFERENCES TO OJUKWU. ACCORDING TO ODUMOSU, COMMISSIONERS IGE, ONABANJO, AND OMISADE ALSO ANNOYED WITH ADERAYO AND HAVE EVEN THREATENED NOT ACCOMPANY HIM IN FUTURE IF HE MAKES ANY FURTHER CRITICAL REFERENCE TO OJUKWU. ODUMOSU EXPLAINED BR'S ACTION AS TRYING CURRY FAVOR WITH GOWON IN GRDER OBTAIN AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT.

2. ODUMOSU CLAIMED THAT EGBA STATE PETITION SIGNED BY ALAKE OF ABECKUTA AND FORMER WESTERN ADORNISTRATOR AND FEDMIN OF HEALTH MAJEKODUNMI (BOTH NNDP) HAD BEEN SENT TO GOWON. ALSO SEPARATE PETITION FOR ONDO STATE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. ODUMOSU SAID GOWON HAS RESPONDED TO EACH PETITION THAT NOW IS NOT TPME DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS AND SAID PETITIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DELIMITATION COMMISSION.

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3. COMMENT: ODUMOSU'S COMMENTS ON BB SPEECH CONFIRM WHAT HE TOLD ME (IBADAN 31) OF HIS RESERVATIONS RE MAKING TOUR AT THIS TIME AND PROBLEMS OF CAREFULLY BALANCING LANGUAGE IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS. BE'S "ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN" ILLUSTRATED IN STATEMENT YESTERDAY TO OSHUN (OSHOGE) OPAS WHO PRESENTED

PETITION OPPOSING CREATION YORUBA CENTRAL STATE (IBADAN A-4). BB SAID BETTER INTEREST YORUBA PEOPLE IN REMAINING UNITED AS MEMBERS ONE FAMILY INSTEAD DISSIPATING ENERGIES ON MATTERS WHICH COULD ONLY PRODUCE ILL WILL AND DISCORD. THIS AG TYPE STATEMENT PERHAPS DESIGNED COUNTERBALANCE BAD FEELINGS CAUSED BY HIS EARLIER CRITICISM OJUKWU. HOWEVER, MORE PROBABLY RESULT IS THAT THIS WILL BE USED BY BOTH AG AND NNDP AS ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION THAT BB NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

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1. JOHN BARNES, NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT, RETURNED TO LAGOS FROM FIGHTING FRONT YESTERDAY. WITH PERMISSION FMG HE WAS ESCORTED THROUGH LOKOJA ACROSS NIGER TO OTURKPO, OTUKPA AND ENUGU EZIKE. AT LOKOJA EARLY WEDNESDAY (JULY 19) HE ENCOUNTERED 3RD BATTALION, WHICH PREPARING CROSS RIVER. HE SAW ALMOST NO MILITARY IN OTURKPO, FROM WHERE HE WAS DRIVEN TO OTUKPA RPT OTUKPA HEADQUARTERS OF LTC SULE APOLLO.

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PAGE 2 RUTALS 796CC C O N F I D E N T I A L
FMG OFFICER COMMANDING TROOPS IN NSUKKA AREA. APOLLO TOLD BARNES THERE CONSIDERABLE GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. SAID NSUKKA IN FEDERAL HANDS BUT ROAD FROM OTUKPA TO NSUKKA TOO DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL. HE DECLINED TAKE BARNES TO NSUKKA BUT GAVE HIM ESCORT TO ENUGU EZIKE VIA BACK ROAD. ARRIVING THERE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, BARNES FOUND SMALL GROUP FMG SOLDIERS DUG IN, EVIDENTLY IN CONTROL OF VILLAGE. BARNES NOTED THAT ALL OF SEVERAL VILLAGES HE PASSED THROUGH WERE COMPLETELY DESERTED.

2. RETURNING TO LOKOJA HE MET ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF 3RD BATTALION AT ANKPA, ANOTHER THIRD NEAR AYANGBA AND REMAINDER ON EASTERN SHORE NIGER RIVER ACROSS FROM LOKOJA.

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CONSULATE KADUNA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS: "SITUATION IN SOKOTO
NORMAL. UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT VILLAMAR BUT SOKOTO
AREA UNAFFECTED BY PRESENT MILITARY ACTION WHICH TAKING
PLACE 400 MILES SOUTHEAST".
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BHC REPORTS BRITISH VIZNEWS TEAM ON OGOJA FRONT ENCOURTERED
 ENGLISHMAN CARRYING SHOTGUN WHO SET UPON BY FMG INFO
 OFFICER CAPT OLOBISI AJALA AS QUOTE MERCENARY UNQTE.

ENGLISHMAN NAMED CRANSTON ACTUALLY LONGTIME MANAGER OF
 ENDC FARM AT OBUDU IN BORDER AREA. VIZNEWS CREW FILMED AND
 TAPE WHOLE INCIDENT AND SENT FILMS TO LONDON BUT RPT NOT
 USING SINCE NO WISH THUS DISCREDIT FMG WHICH USES THEIR
 MATERIALS. BOB WATTS OF AP ALSO FILED TO NEW YORK BUT SENT
 MANDATORY KILL LATER. ON SUSPCION ADDITIONAL FILMS STILL

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IN LAGOS, FMG THURSDAY NIGHT RAIDED QUARTERS NIGERIAN
 TRINGER VARIOUS AGENCIES, ACCORDING BHC. APPARENTLY NO
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1. MILITARY. ALL FRONTS ARE REPORTED QUIET. THERE MANY REPORTS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE VISITED NSUKKA THAT NSUKKA DEFINITELY IN "BIAFRAN" HANDS. WE HAVE NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT ENUGU, OR ANY LOCATION WITHIN TWENTY MILES OF ENUGU, HAS BEEN BOMBED OR STRAFED AS CLAIMED BY AYIDA AND OBEYA (LAGOS 742).

2. GENERAL. ENUGU CALM AND CONTINUING BUSINESS AS USUAL. PORT HARCOURT WARDEN REPORTED ALL QUIET THERE AT 1400Z. AID EMPLOYEE RETURNING FROM PORT HARCOURT TODAY STATED MOST CIVIL DEFENSE ROADCHECKS REMOVED; THE FEW REMAINING ROADCHECKS WERE COURTEOUS AND EXPEDITIOUS.

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1. A BBC CORRESPONDENT'S COMMUNIQUE FROM ENUGU, FOLLOWING A BRIEFING BY OJUKWU, READ ON BBC'S RADIO NEWSREEL TODAY (FRIDAY), SAID LAGOS CLAIMS OF BOMBING THIS CAPITAL CITY OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL HOTEL, IN WHICH HE WAS STAYING, WERE "GREETED HERE (ENUGU) WITH AMUSEMENT." ALL RELIABLE SOURCES HERE INDICATE THE ALLEGED BOMBINGS DID NOT TAKE PLACE.

2. DEFENSE OFFICIALS TODAY SAID THEIR FORCES WERE CONTIN-

UING TO "MOP UP " POCKETS OF ISOLATED FEDERAL TROOPS, CUT OFF FROM THEIR SUPPLY LINES IN THE NORTH. ELEMENTS OF TWO FEDERAL BATTALIONS ARE REPORTED TO BE WANDERING ABOUT IN THE NSUKKA SECTOR'S NO-MAN'S-LAND. THEY ALSO SAID LAGOS WOULD PROBABLY MOUNT A STRONG ATTACK FROM THE NORTH, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, IN AN EFFORT TO REESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE TROOPS ALLEGEDLY CUT OFF FROM THEIR SUPPLY LINES. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT. MULVEHILL

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S E C R E T 0296 JUL 67. SEC 1 OF 2. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA
SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO
CINCSRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACS1.
1. ON MORNING 21 JULY 67, MAJOR B.M. USMAN, (PROTECT SOURCE)
NIGERIAN ARMY, SECURITY ADVISOR GOWON, WHO HAS PROVIDED
RELIABLE TIMELY INFO IN PAST, DISCUSSED WITH DAIT HIS VIEWS
CURRENT FMG MIL EVENTS, PLANNING AND PROGRESS FMG CAMPAIGN
IN EAST. (SOURCE'S PRIOR DISCUSSIONS SIMILAR SUBJECT CONTAINED
USDAO SECRET MESSAGES 0274 AND 0286 JUL 67).

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2. SOURCE REMAINED CONFIDENT FMG VICTORY IN CAMPAIGN AGAINST
SECESSIONIST EAST. HE SAID THAT DESPITE CONTINUED STRONG RE-
SISTANCE EASTERN FORCES, FMG CONTINUING APPLY EVER INCREASING
PRESSURE NSUKKA FRONT AND WOULD CONTINUE INCREASE SUCH PRESSURE
IN FORM MORE UNITS AND EQUIPMENT UNTIL ALL NSUKKA DIVISION OF
ENUGU PROVINCE CLEARED AND HELD BY FMG TROOPS. HE SAID SUCH
ACTION ESSENTIAL CURRENT FMG PLANS (DISCUSSED BELOW). HE
PROFESSED NOT BE ALARMED CONTINUING BATTLE FOR CONTROL
NSUKKA AREA AS HE RESTRESSED HIS OFT STATED BELIEF THAT ONLY
AT GREAT COST WAS OJUKWU ABLE MAINTAIN CONTINUED DEFENSE THIS
AREA. HE APPEARS BELIEVE FMG WILL WEAR DOWN THIS RESISTANCE
AND FINALLY BREAK IT. ON OGOJA FRONT, HE SAID FMG OPERATIONS
DESIGNED CLEAR NORTHERN HALF OGOJA PROVINCE PROGRESSING
SMOOTHLY AND THAT LEAD ELEMENTS FMG TROOPS HAD MOVED WEST OF
BANASRA AND ACORSS AYA RIVER; THIS HAD BEEN AIDED BY CAPTURE
BRIDGE INTACT IN AREA. SOURCE SAID HE NOT SURE WHETHER TROOPS
HAD PROGRESSED ON ROAD AS FAR IYANE, BUT THAT TROOPS WOULD
HAVE TO GO SLOWY ANYWAY AS SOME ADDITIONAL BAILEY BRIDING
WAS REQUIRED FOR CROSSING ANYAM RIVER NORTH EAST OF MFUM (ON
ROAD TO ABAKALIKI SOUTH WEST OF IYANE) WHERE BRIDGE HAD BEEN

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BLWON. BRIDIGN AVAILABLE AND HAD BEEN DISPATCHED TO AREA BY LORRY FROM LAGOS; HE EXPECTED IT ARRIVE OPERATION AREA "SHORTLY". SOURCE SAID FMG SURPRISED FIND BRIDGE IN AREA INTACT AND FELT EAST HAD "MISSED SIGNAL" ON THIS BRIDGE. 3. QUERIED ON REPORTS ARRIVAL PANHARD ARMORED CARS LAGOS (SEE PAR2, USDAO SECRET MSG 0292 JUL 67) SOURCE SAID THEY HAD ARRIVED LAGOS BUT THAT CORRECT FIGURE WAS 23 RATHER THAN TEN REPORTED REF MSG. HE SAID SOME ALREADY UNLOADED, PROCESSED AND ON WAY "TO FRONT". SOURCE SAID ADDITION THESE NEW VEHICLES WOULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN CONDUCT FMG CAMPAIGN. AFTER THIS REVELATION, SOURCE VOLUNTARILY ADMITTED FMG HAD ACQUIRED COMBAT AIRCRAFT "FROM EUROPE" AND THAT THEY "SHOULD ARRIVE TODAY OR TOMORROW". (SOURCE DID NOT DWELL ANY LONGER THIS SUBJECT AND DATT DROPPED IN INTEREST NOT STRAINING EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS OVER THIS RATHER SENSITIVE POINT. IN DUE TIME, IF INFO NOT THEN AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, SOURCE WILL PROVIDE INFO REQUIRED). 4. SOURCE SAID THAT AS RESULT ARRIVAL NEW ARMORED CARS, PLANES AND LARGE QUANTITIES NEW SMALL ARMS AND "OTHER EQUIPMENT", FMG PLANNERS NOW TAKING FRESH LOOK AT SITUATION WITH VIEW TO MOUNT-

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ING NEW ATTACKS ON EAST AS PART OVERALL CAMPAIGN. ALTHOUGH SOME MODIFICATION POSSIBLE, SOURCE THOUGHT FMG OVERALL CONCEPT NOW LOOKED LIKE THIS: A. WITH CONTROL MAMFE (CAMEROUN) IKOM ROAD NORTH OF IKOM, FMG UNLIKELY THIS POINT MOVE IN FORCE TOWARD EITHER IKOM (WHERE SOURCE SAID EAST HAS APPROX 300 MAN GARRISON) OR CALABAR (WHERE SOURCE SAID EAST MAINTAINS NINTH BATTALION REINFORCED). FMG VIEW IS THAT FOR PRESENT BOTH THESE UNITS CAN BE EFFECTIVELY ISOLATED FROM MAIN STREAM OF BATTLE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WITH RESPECT IKOM FORCE FMG HAS ONLY MAINTAIN BLOCKING FORCE ON ROAD FROM IKOM NORTH. WITH RESPECT NINTH BN, IT WOULD NOT BE ENGAGED AT PRESENT. RATHER, FMG ATTACK INTO SOUTHERN COR AREAS WOULD MOST LIKELY BE MOUNTED AGAINST PORT HARCOURT BY LANDING FROM BIGHT OF BIAFRA SOUTH EAST PORT HARCOURT UTILIZING AS AXIS OF ADVANCE ROAD NET WORK LEADING GENERALLY OPOBO THROUGH BORI TO PORT HARCOURT. HE SAID THIS OPERATION WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH OTHER DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITY IN CREEKS OF AREA SO THAT DEFENSE FORCES PORT HARCOURT WOULD BE KEPT OFF BALANCE. SOURCE SAID MAJOR OBJECTIVE PORT HARCOURT WOULD BE AIRFIELD WHICH FMG THOUGHT IT HAD

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FAIR CHANCE TAKING QUICKLY " WITH ANY SORT LUCK". WHILE THIS OPERATION BEING MOUNTED, CALABAR BN WOULD BE WATCHED CLOSELY, IF IT COMMITTED TOWARD HARCOURT OR ELSEWHERE " WE PREPARED MOVE ON CALABAR". OF SIGNIFICANCE HERE IS THAT SOURCE SAID HE THOUGH IT ENTIRELY LIKELY THAT PRIOR TO AND DURING OPERATIONS PORT HARCOURT " BOTH PORT HARCOURT AND CALABAR WILL BE TAKEN UNDER AIR ATTACK". SOURCE LEFT NO DOUBT FMG INTENDED USE AIR CAPABILITY (IT EXPECTS TO ACQUIRE MOMENTARILY) A QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO INFLUENCE OPERATIONS. (STRESS ON ATTEMPTING GAIN CONTROL AIRPORT HARCOURT EARLY IN GAME LEADS TO SPECULATION FMG PLANS AIR LANDING FORCES IN SUPPORT OVER ALL OPERATION. THIS ALSO SIGNIFICANT IN THAT AIRPORT SITS NORTH OF TOWN OFF MAIN ROUTE LEADING AWAY FROM CITY. CONTROL AIRPORT AND ROAD NET WORK WOULD MAKE REINFORCEMENT OR ESCAPE FROM HARCOURT DIFFICULT).
B. PORT HARCOURT OPERATION WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH OPERATIONS NORTH AT NSUKA AND/OR EAST OF ABAKALIKI. SOURCE SAID THAT AT PRESENT FMG FORCES WHICH HAD MADE INITIAL MOVES INTO OGOJA PROVINCE TURNING TOWNS AND AREAS HELD OVER TO "HOLDING FORCES" SO THAT ASSAULT FORCE COULD BE FREED FOR INITIATION NEW ATTACK

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WITH OBJECTIVE ABAKALIKI. TIMING THIS ATTACK DEPENDED UPON PROGRES OPERATIONS NSUKKA. IF STRONG EASTERN DEFENSES CONTINUED NSUKKA, ATTACK DIRECTION ABAKALIKI COULD WELL SERVE EITHER DRAW OFF UNITS FROM NSUKKA OR PRECLUDE ANY FURTHER REINFORCEMENT NSUKKA AS NEED DEPEND FROM DIRECTION ABAKALIKI DEVELOPED. IF, ON OTHER HAND, FMG OBJECTIVES NSUKKA DIVISION HAD BEEN ACHIEVED, FMG FORCES NSUKKA WOULD BE PREPARED, IF SITUATION SO DEVELOPED, MOVE SOUTH TOWARD NSUKKA WITH INITIAL OBJECTIVE EASTERN DEFENSES AT NINE MILE CORNER WHICH IS WEST ENUGU ON MAIN ROUTE FROM NSUKKA AND NORTH TO UDI, AWKA AND ONITSHA. SOURCE SAID, HOWEVER, OPERATION WITH OBJECTIVE ENUGU WOULD DEPEND STRICTLY ON HOW DEVELOPMENTS OTHER FRONTS AFFECTED DISPOSITION EASTERN FORCES. DURING THIS PORTION CONVERSATIONS, SOURCE SAID HE DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY ATTACK ON ONITSHA MOUNTED FROM MID-WEST. HE THOUGH MID-WESTERN IBO OFFICERS CONTROLLING EJOORS MID-WESTERN FORCES COULD BE PERSUADED TO TURN ON OJUKWU "AS BEING IN OVERALL BEST INTERESTS IBO IN GENERAL" AND TO INSURE THEIR CONTINUED ROLE IN FMG FORCES.

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C. IF ABOVE DESCRIBED OPERATIONS FRUITFUL, FMG COULD, AT ITS
OWN PACE, DEAL WITH ELEMETS EASTERN ARMY T IKOM AND CALABAR
"PROVIDED THEY STILL WANTED TO FIGHT".
D. SOURCE BELIEVED OJUKWU NOW IN PROGRESS PREPARING MOVE HIS
MAIN DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS SOUTH FROM ENUGU TO UMUAHIA AND
THAT HE WOULD EVENTUALLY MAINTAIN ONLY FORWARD TATICAL
HEADQUARTERS ENUGU. IN THIS RESPECT, SOURCE SAID HE DOUBTED
WHETHER FMG OVERALL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS WOULD SUPPORT MOVING
DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO HEART IBO TERRITORY TO "DIG OJUKWU OUT".
SOURCE SAID, "IF WE HOLD NSUKKA, OGOJA, ONITSHA, PRT AREAS IN
SOUTH: AND PERHAPS EVEN ENUGU; AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED CAM-
PAGIN IS OVER". HE ASKED "WITH FMG IN CONTROL ALL KEY AREAS
OF EAST, WHO WOULD RECOGNIZE BIAFRA?".
5. WITH RESPECT DEVELOPMENTS POSSIBLE FMG OPERATIONS SOUTHERN
COR AREAS EAST THESEARE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LAST REPORT:
A. ON MORNING 20 JULY, NIGERIAN NAVY TOOK OVER NIGERIAN PORTS
AUTHORITY VESSEL "BOLDE THOMAS" A BITY TENDER WHICH HAS
OPERATED ALL UP AND DOWN NIGERIAN COAST IN ALL PORTS AND
CHANNELS. VESSEL NOW BEING PAINTED GRAY AND WILL APPARENTLY
BECOME OPERATIONAL ELEMENT NIGERIAN NAVY. LAGOS HARBOR MASTER

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OFFICE SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT "IN PINCH VESSEL COULD CARRY
500 TROOPS ON SHORT JOURNEY". (FOR ANOTHER POSSIBILITY HERE,
SEE SUBSTANCE PAR 4 USDAO SECRET MSG 0260 JUNE 1967).
B. S.S. KING JAJA STILL TIED UP AT BERTH TEN, APAPA WHARFS.
NOT LOADING, JUST SITTING. THIS SIGNIFICANT IN ITSELF, HOW-

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EVER, AS AT PRESENT TIME LAGOS HARBOR HAS SHIPS WAITING IN ROAD OUTSIDE HARBOR FOR HARBOR AND BERTH SPACE. THIS HEIGHT GROUNDNUT SHIPPING SEASON AND FACT VESSEL SITS IDLY TAKING UP NEEDED BERTHING SPACE MUST BE CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT (OF WHAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN).

C. ALL BLOCKADE AND LANDING CRAFT VESSELS OF NIGERIAN NAVY NOW IN LAGOS PORT WITH EXCEPTION SDB KADUNA WHICH PROXIMATED ON STATION.

6. PROMPTED BY INDICATIONS PICKED UP FROM VARIOUS ARMY SOURCES THAT SIXTH BN " STAGING FOR OPERATION", DATT HAD DAO MAP OFFICER PAY VISIT THIS AFTERNOON TO IKEJA CANTONMENT (LAGOS SUBURB) HOME SIXTH BN NIGERIAN ARMY. AREA A " BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY" AS ALL EVIDENCE INDICATES BN IN FACT GETTING READY FOR OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT. TROOPS ENGAGED IN ALL FORMS TACTICAL TRAINING, AND CANTONMENT " BULGING WITH TROOPS". IN TALK WITH MAJOR JALO,

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BN COMMANDER, MAP OFFICER TOOK AWAY DEFINITE IMPRESSION SIXTH GETTING READY FOR OPERATION. JALO TALKING TO NUMBER SUPPLY OFFICERS AND CHECKING LISTS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. IN COURSE THIS CONVERSATION, JALO SAID HE HAD " OVER 800 MEN IN BN, BUT I AM GETTING MORE". IN RESPONSE QUERY ON CROWDED CONDITIONS IN CANTONMENT, JALO SAID CANTONMENT ALSO NOW HOME NEWLY ACTIVATED SEVENTH BN, NIGERIAN ARMY. COMMANDER THIS NEW UNIT INTRODUCED. HE MAJOR ANTHONY "TONY" ABOKI OCHEFU. OCHEFU SAID HIS NEW BN "JUST UNDER 100 MEN STRENGTH BUT HE, TOO, " GETTING MORE MEN". MAP OFFICER ESTIMATED THERE AT LEAST FIFTEEN HUNDRED MEN IN CANTONMENT AREA. FURTHER INDICATION OF ALERT STATUS SIXTH BN IS FACT JALO SAID SIXTH NOW RELIEVED ALL INTERIOR GUARD AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS LAGOS AND ENVIRONS. IT STRICTLY IN OPERATIONAL STATUS. GUARD FUNCTIONS FORMERLY ASSUMED BY SIXTH BN NOW UNDERTAKEN BN FEDERAL GUARD IN LAGOS AND IMMEDIATE SUBURBS. WHILE APAPA SIGNAL SQUADRON HAD TAKEN OVER DUTIES AT IKEJA AIRPORT AND ROAD BLOCKS IKEJA AREA. MAP OFFICER NOT SURE WHETHER BOTH BNS PREPARING FOR OPERATION OR IF SEVENTH SCHEDULED REPLACE SIX IKEJA. WILL WATCH THIS ONE.

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7. IN RESPONSE TO RUMORS ARMY MAINTAINING " CONCENTRATION CAMP FOR IBO'S IN IJEJA CANTONMENT " MAP OFFICER OBSERVED ANTONMENT CAREFULLY AND SAW NO SIGNS SUCH ACTIVITY. HE ASKED JALO AND OCHEFU ABOUT RUMOR AND BOTH LAUGHED. THEY SAID " HELL, WE ARE USING GUARD HOUSE FOR OUR OWN TROOP BILLETS. WE HAVE NO ROOM FOR ANY IBO HERE". MAP OFFICER UNDER IMPRESSION THERE NO SUCH FACILITY IKEJA CANTONMENT. HE THINKS PERHAPS IMPRESSION GAINED FROM FACT MANY OF TROOPS DRILLING IN AREA WEARING ONLY PANTS AND SINGLET SHIRTS.

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